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After 50 Years, Japan Admits Forcing Women Into Wartime Brothels

By James Sterngold New York Times Service

TOKYO - The government, ending a half-century of denial, acknowledged Wednesday that the Japanese military had forced Asian and European women into serving as sex slaves for its soldiers during World War II, and it offered its first full apology for these atrocities

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The amountement was significant, given Japan's reductance to make a full accounting of the scope of its wartime aggression, as Germany, its onetime ally, did years ago. But it was just another in a series of incremental steps in which Japan has responded to angry demands from its Asian neighbors by admitting bit by bit to the brutalities its military committed.

Government officials expressed deep re-morse and put the disclosures in the context of Japan's increasing political, financial and trade ties with the rest of East Asia, where Japan is still regarded with some suspicion because of the painful emotional weight of the war memories.

war memories.

Fifty years after the war we do feel that we are coming to a point where we feel we should be building a constructive partnership with our Asian neighbors, said Sadaaki Numata, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry.

Tsutomu Hata, a leading figure in the co-alition government that is expected to be named officially Thursday, repeated this week his piedge that the new government would alter years of practice and rejuvenate Japan's relations with its neighbors by offering an unqualified apology for the terrible hardships Japan imposed during the war. Despite the detailed admission Wednesday

of the direct government role in the systematic subjugation and humiliation of tens of thousands of women, some of whom are still alive and have sued the Japanese govern-

By Alan Cowell

New York Times Service

ROME — Italy's Parliament voted convincingly Wednesday to approve changes designed to revolutionize politics and abelian an electoral system that for over four decades had become that the province of the manufacture of the corruption scandal that has encaeshed and the commy's leaders by the corruption scandal that has encaeshed

The changes, ending proportional representation for most of Parliament, will probably lead to elections early next year.

They are widely expected to seal the demise of the corrup-

pensation would be offered. That brought a qualified approval of the statement from South Korea, from which most of the sex slaves, cophemistically referred to as "comfort women," came.

"We appreciate the fact that in its latest report, the Japanese government now ac-knowledges that coercion was involved in the entire process of recruing, transporting and managing 'comfort women,' "the South Korean Foreign Ministry said in a statement issued in Seoul. "We also appreciate the fact that the Japanese offered an apology to the victims, voiced a sense of self-reproach and expressed a determination to squarely face

the resulting historical lessons."

The ministry added, however, that it expected Japan to "continue to pay attention to those questions that have not been clarified, even in this most recent document, and eventually to resolve them."

Two years ago Japan first admitted the existence of the network of brothels, which extended from China and Indochina to Bur-ms and the South Pacific, but it insisted that it had been operated by private businessmen, not the government. Then last year the government acknowledged that the military itself had been involved in operating the system and in recruiting the women.

Wednesday, which was the last full day in office for the government of Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, the government said it had concluded a one-and-a-half-year study and had determined that the bitter claims of Korean and other Asian women were true.

For the first time, the government said, it had interviewed some of the former sex slaves, as well as former Japanese soldiers and government officials who for decades

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month correction inquiry.



A Japanese spokesman, Yohei Kono, reading the government's admission Wednesday.

Campaign In Bosnia By Barton Gellman and Trevor Rowe

UN'Flak' on

NATO Sees

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — As North Atlantic alliance planners prepared a broad list of bombing targets against Bostian Serbs, major disputes remained unresolved in NATO and also at the United Nations over who would control that use of force, and how extensive it might be-

Clinton officials and some key allies declared that NATO had made a breakthrough after it authorized preparations for "air strikes against those responsible" for extending the Balkan

But a possibility persisted that the international community would deadlock once again over the decision to use force.

[The commander of UN peacekeeping forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina met with a NATO com-mander oo Wednesday to discuss air action, Renters reported from Zagreb, Croatia.

[Shannon Boyd, a spokeswoman for the UN forces, said Lieutenant General Jean Cot and Admiral Jeremy Boorda, the NATO commander in southern Europe, had "focused on defining close coordination mechanisms between the United Nations and NATO."

[She added that they had agreed that security for the UN troops oo the ground was "of preeminent concern," and said that General Cot would assess the ground force simution

before any action.]
A diplomat from Canada, the most vigorous holdout during the talks Monday, which an American said were "as bitter and rancorous a discussion as have ever taken place in the alliance," ooted pointedly that the communiqué had called for another meeting to decide wheth-

er to use force, The alliance has decided that military action will be used if oecessary," he said, "but it hasn't decided whether or not to go ahead and implement it."

President Bill Chinton's oew strategy is aimed, he said, at preventing strangulation of Sarajevo and other Muslim enclaves in Bosnia-Herzegovina and at ensuring survival of a Mus-

Talking points prepared for the meeting in Brussels called for diplomats to "stress" to the leaders of Muslims that, despite the threat of allied military action, "we expect that they will seize this last possible opportunity to obtain a realistic political settlement."

The United States proposed giving the Bosnian Serbs an ultimatum to lift the siege by a

deadline or face punitive military action.

A majority of the 16 NATO representatives. however, preferred a subtler approach in hopes that talks in Geneva among Bosnia's warring groups would lead to a partition of Bosnia without the intervention of North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces.

Two disputes among American, European and UN officials stand in the way of making the

threat of air attack believable. First, the United Nations wants to run the

occur only in retaliation against Serbian at-See NATO, Page 4

'Very Clearly,' U.S. Warns Serbs of Risk Of Air Strikes

Talks in Geneva Halted By Boycott of Muslim And 2 Foes' Departure

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GENEVA — The U.S. special envoy. Reginald Bartholomew, said Wednesday that he had explained the seriousness of NATO's threat of air strikes to President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and the Bosnian Serbs' leader. Radovan

"I impressed upon them the obvious seriousness of the situation, and I believe they under-stood it." he said after talks in Geneva. "The alliance decision is quite clear. I relayed it very

North Atlantic Treaty Organization officials. pressed by Washington, agreed Tuesday to authorize air strikes in Bosnia to prevent the Serbian stranguladon of the capital, Sarajevo.

David B. Ottaway of The Washington Post

reported from Geneva: The peace oegotiations were formally inter-rupted Wednesday when leaders of two of the three warring factions abruptly went home and the third, Bosnia's Muslim president. Alija Izetbegovic, continued his boycott io protest over a continuing Serbian offensive outside Sarajevo.

The suspension came despite the efforts of Milosevic and President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia, who returned to Geneva on Tuesday night in a bid to help the two international mediators, Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, salvage the talks.

Mr. Mi losevic and Mr. Tudjman flew hack to

the Balkans on Wednesday hut said they were willing to come back if and when they were needed again.

The mediators said they hoped that Serbian, Croatian and Muslim negotiators would re-sume their tripartite talks Friday. But the prospects for such an early resumption appeared exceedingly questionable, mainly because of the coocerted Bosnian Serbian military drive to gain control of all strategic heights around

Lord Owen and Mr. Stoltenberg are to hold bilateral talks Thursday with the Bosnian government's faction-ridden collective presidency in an attempt to keep the negotiations alive and Mr. Izetbegovic in Geneva.

A conference spokesman, John Mills, said the Bosnian Serbian leader, Mr. Karadzic, and the Croatian faction's leader. Mate Bohan, had told the co-chairmen that they were prepared to return Friday "if there is a certainty of a tribat-

eral meeting tovolving Izetbegovic.

However, Mr. Izetbegovic appeared more anxious to await the outcome of the oew NATO decision to launch air strikes if Bosman Serbian forces press ahead with their offensive to tight-

en their stranglehold on the capital city. He was thus insisting that Mr. Karadzic fulfill his written commitment, made while to Geneva, to withdraw his forces from the strategic heights oear Sarajevo.

Conference sources cooceded that it was far show, but Washington wants NATO to run it. from clear whether Mr. Karadzic had sufficient Second, UN officials want any air strikes to authority over his strong-willed military commander, Ratko Mladic, to order him to with-

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Sentences in King Beating Case Set L.A. on Edge

Scandal-Weary Italian Parliament Votes Reform

tion-stained Christian Democrats and Socialists — twin pillars of a system that bred the pervasive graft exposed in an 18-

The lower house vote Wednesday was 287-78 in favor, with

of corruption involving payments totaling \$60 million.
Investigators now will be able to search his house and offices.

They were previously inhibited by Mr. Craxi's legislative im-

LOS ANGELES - The two white police. officers convicted in the Rodney G. King beating were sentenced today to 21/2 years in prison, a quarter of the maximum term, by a judge who said that many of the worst blows they inflicted that night were legal.

Sergeam Stacey Koon, 43, and Officer Laureace Powell, 30, had faced up to 10 years in prison and \$250,000 fines after being convicted on federal civil rights charges for the March 1991 beating of Mr. King, who is black.

Compiled by Our Staff From Disparches DUSSELDORF - Foreigners living in the German state of Rhineland-Westphalia were

advised by the police on Wednesday to keep a

fire extinguisher handy against the threat of arson attacks by rightists.

That was one of 10 bits of advice to improve immigrants' security. Others included keeping carrains drawn at night and locking windows

A regional police spokesman said that leaf-lets in 10 languages, including Turkish, Scrbo-Croatian, Polish, French and Arabic, had been

policemen on state charges led to riots in Los before the beating became illegal and could not

Early reaction by the black community to the relatively light sentences was one of disappoint-nient and anger. All available police officers were pressed into service before the sentencing in federal court, but there were no immediate

reports of violence.
U.S. District Judge John Davies said the bearing started out as a lawful action by the police because Mr. King had resisted arrest

on federal civil rights charges for the March 1991 beating of Mr. King, who is black.

The beating was captured on videotape by an amateur photographer. The acquittal last year of Sergeant Koon, Officer Powell and two other

be taken into account for sentencing purposes, He also held that the officers posed no threat to society, had good service records before the incident and were good family men.

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For those reasons, he said, he favored a sentence less than the 5 years and 10 months to 7 years and 3 months in prison called for in federal guidelines. He also imposed ocither

the most damaged by the corruption scandals, said he was

being made a scapegoat for "the illegal linancing of political parties and the political system in which all the major economic groups in the country participated."

The scandal evoked such revulsion among Italians that in a

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Kiosk

President Gains Key Budget Vote WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bill

Clinton won crucial support for his deficit-reduction measure Wednesday from Senator Dennis DeConcini, Democrat of Arizona. Mr. DeConcini was the object of intense White House lobbying. In announcing his support, Mr. DeConcini said, "This bill will mean jobs and overall I think it's a positive thing for the country and for the economy."
His announcement offset the defection of

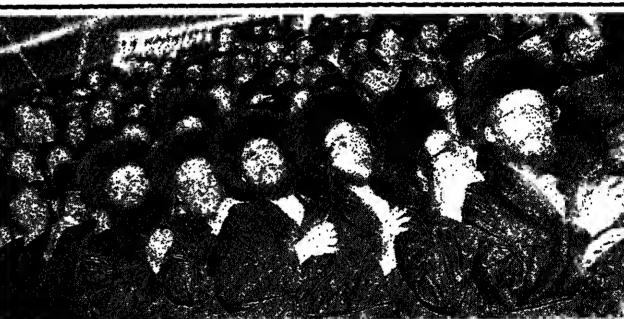
The police decided on the leaflet campaign following a violent neo-Nazi campaign against Senator David L. Boren, Democrat of Oklahoma, who had voted for the measure when it Discussing the leaflets, a police spokesman, Ulrich Rimgwerth of Düsseldorf, called the advice about fire extinguishers "slightly excessive." He added: "After all, we don't want to give rise to a climate of fear." narrowly cleared the Senate. Barring another defection, Mr. DeConcini's decision assures 50 votes for the plan, with Vice President Al Gore available to break a tie.

More than 1,000 attacks against foreigners have been reported this year.

distributed in and near Duisburg, where about 70,000 non-German nationals live among a

total population of 530,000.

foreigners.



CROWNING GLORIES — Some of the 30,000 guests, above, who attended the Jerusalem wedding of Aharon Mordechai Rokeah, only son of Rebbe Yissachar Dov Rokeah, head of the Belz Hasidic dynasty, which was nearly wiped out in the Holocaust. Mr. Rokeah and Sara Leah Lemberger, both 18, had met once before the ceremony. Meanwhile, meeting once again, in Woolwich, England, were former soldiers of the Royal Horse Artillery, who filed past Queen Elizabeth II during a bicentenary review.



In Caucasus, Lure of War Armenians Revere Slain U.S. Volunteer

Dousing Racist German Fires

By Raymond Bonner New York Tones Service

MARTUNI, Azerbaijan - When a visitor started to sit down for hunch at a place where a plate, glass and fork had been set, a military officer solemnly asked him not to take that

place.
It was the spot reserved in honor of a commander, Monne Melkonian, who was killed lune 12 in battle here in Nagomo-Karabkh. Upstarts in the military headquarters, a candle linkered beneath a large photograph of the comrade, halding, with a thick, black beard.

"He was the best "god" we ever had," said an American

He was also an American, born in Visalia; California in 1957.

Another American was killed here last month as well fighting with the ethnic Armenians of Nagorno Karabakh who are trying to seede

from Azerbaijan.
Since the early 1800s, when Russiz, Turkey,
Persia and Britain contested the mountains of
Central Asia, the region has seduced—and
temped—explorers and spies in the service of

their countries and causes.

Today, the strangers come from Lebanon,

Iraq, Iran and Syria as well as the United States and, above all, at least 100 came from Russia. To the Azerbaijanis, they are mercenaries. But the volunteers with the ethnic Armenians say they are motivated by the cause, not by money.

Many are of Armenian background, from families forced out of their homelands by the century. They have come to avenge the past and gain an independent Nagorno-Karabakh. American officials considered Mr. Melkon-

ian a terrorist, said his wife, Seta, 30, as she folded her husband's blood-soaked flak jacket. "But we told them he's a fighter for freedom." Whatever, it was a long way from the academic tatent he displayed at the University of California at Berkeley, where he was graduated in only two and a half years with a degree in archeology and a thesis about the people who occupied the land now known as Armenia before the Armeniana arrived.

After that, he went to Lebanon for eight

years, according to his wife. During that time, she said, he traveled to Syria, Iran and Afghanistan. She declined to say what he was doing in

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No Rate Cuts

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European governments and France in particular appeared determined Wednesday to avoid cuiting interest rates too quickly, de-spite the effective collapse this week of Europe's exchange-rate mechanism. (Page 9)
The dearth of interest rate cuts sparked massive profit-taking in Dentsche marks on the currency markets. (Page 10)

Nuclear Test Canceled

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon on Wednesday canceled an underground nuclear test explosion scheduled for 1995, the last one on the drawing board. The test was doomed by President Bill Clinton's decision last month to extend a U.S. nuclear test ban until at least September 1994. A spokesman said, however, that the test complex in Neva-da would be kept ready for possible later use.

Guerrillas Step Up Violence To Convince Other Factions

By Philip Shenon New York Times Service

BANGKOK - The Khmer Rouge rebels have stepped up a campaign of postelection violence in Cambodia in what diplomats and UN peacekeepers believe is an effort to convince other Cambodian factions that it would be dangerous to exclude them from the new coalition government.

The Khmer Rouge are reminding us that they're still around and that they have to be part of whatever happens next in Cambodia." a
Western diplomat said by phone
from Phnom Penh. "Unhappily,
this sort of terrorism will probably

accomplish their goal." The Khmer Rouge, which abandoned the UN peace efforts after signing a treaty in 1991, boycotted internationally supervised elections in May. But clearly pleased by the outcome of the election, it is now trying to achieve a place in the interim coalition led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, head of state and former monarch.

This strategy, diplomats said, is to make it clear to the other factions that they will pay a terrible price in bloodshed if the Khmer Rouge is not given some sort of role. The willingness of the Khmer

Rouge to use violence to achieve its objectives is not doubted, given its history of mass killings when in power in the late 1970s.

The two presidents of the interim coalition - Prince Norodom Ranariddh, one of Prince Sihanouk's sons, and Hun Sen, who had been prime minister of the Vietnameseinstalled government that was voted out in May — have signaled a willingness to include the Khmer Rouge in a coalition if they forswear additional violence and open

their territory to inspection. Negotiations over including the Khmer Rouge in the government are expected to wait until next month, when Prince Sibanouk should return from his summer travel in China and North Korea.

There have been several Khmer Rouge attacks over the past two weeks on government troops, and the Cambodian Army has moved thousands of troops to tense prov-inces in the north and northwest, including Siem Reap, site of the temple complex of Angkor.

Khmer Rouge soldiers are reported to have massed near Ang-kor, possibly with the intention of overrunning the temples that are symbols of Cambodian national-

The secretary of state said he did

not bring any new proposals for breaking the current deadlock in

negotiations between Israel and

Syria and between Israel and the

Asked whether he would be taking any proposals back to Israel from Mr. Assad, Mr. Christopher

said he was authorized to discuss

certain matters, but did not go into

ia, Mr. Christopher and his team

switched to armored vehicles with sirens, including two trucks with machine-gun mounts.
Since the cease-fire took effect in

southern Lebanon, Lebanese

troops have been tightening their

grip on hattered villages in the south, in what diplomats said was a blow to Hezbollah influence.

About 130 people, mostly civil-

ians, were killed and more than 600

government estimated that 30,000

At his appearance with Mr. Christopher, Mr. Shara denied alle-

gations that Syria has been a con-

duit for weapons from Iran to Hez-

hollah. He called Lebanon "a

jungle of weapons."
The United States, like Israel,

has for years demanded that au-

thorities curb guerrillas of Hezbol-

iah, or the Party of God, the only

group allowed to keep its arms af-

ter the end of 15 years of civil war

The Strian-backed governmen

decided Sunday to dispatch Leba-

Lebanon says it cannot disarm

in 1990.

bomes had been destroyed.

At the Lebanese border with Syr-

Christopher Visits Lebanon in Detour

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

ZAHLE Lebanon - Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher made an unscheduled visit to Lehanon on Wednesday after meeting with Syrian officials, who expressed guarded optimism that his diplomacy would get peace talks

moving again.

Mr. Christopher arrived bere, 50 kilometers east of Beirut, by road from Damascus on the fourth leg of a mission to revive the stalled 21-month-old talks. He made the trip four days after brokering a cease-fire that ended a week of rocket and artillery fire in southern Lebanon between the Israeli Army and Ira-nian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas.

Officials said his talks in Lebanon would focus on hopes to revive negotiations, which U.S. officials had feared would be detailed by the Israeli assault on southern

wounded in the Israeli assault, which forced 250,000 to flee. The topher met with Syrian officials including President Hafez Assad. Mr. Christopher appeared with the Syrian foreign minister, Farouk Shara, who reported that the Syrians "feel somewhat optimistic" that the visit will get the peace

"We believe that talks that Secretary Christopher has had today may salvage the peace process, be-cause we believe objectively the recent events in Lebanon, had they continued, would have buried the peace process in the rubble," Mr. Shara said. Mr. Christopher endorsed the Syrian foreign minister's

2 Palestinians. **Latest Victims** In Uprising, Die

JERUSALEM - A Palestinian man shot by Israeli troops in the Gaza Strip died of his wounds Wednesday, and a second was killed in the West Bank when a bomb he was apparently preparing exploded. Palestinian sources said. The sources said Munir Sindy.

27, had died in an Israeli hospital from gunshot wounds he received in a clash Tuesday with Israeli troops in Rafah. They identified the second Palestinian as Ali Mohammed Ahmed, 18, and said he was killed in a refugee camp in the occupied West Bank. The army said it was checking the bomb re-

In Gaza City, three Palestinians found guilty Wednesday of murdering Israeli settlers and suspected Palestinian collaborators drew prison sentences of up to 12 life terms. All three men were members of an armed wing of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palesune, a faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

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Israel Rebuffs U.S. Court on Demjanjuk

By Chris Hedges

New York Times Service
JERUSALEM — The Israeli Justice Min-JERUSALEM — The Israeli Justice Ministry, which is considering a petition that would require John Demjanjuk to stand trial for war crimes other than the one he was acquitted of last week by the Supreme Court, said a ruling by a U.S. court overturning Mr. Demjanjuk's extradition order and challenging Israel's right to try him for other crimes "is not legally binding on the state of Israel." The statement came in response to a decirio.

Appeals in Cincinnati. The court said Mr. Demjanjuk's extradition had been concerned only with the charge that he bad been a sadistic camp guard known as "Ivan the Terrible." who operated the gas chamber at the Treblinka death camp

sion Tuesday by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of

in Poland during the Nazi occupation.

"The court in Cincinati determined that
Demjanjuk was extradited only to stand trial for being Ivan the Terrible of Treblinks and any other charge is a different crime which be was not extradited for." the ministry state-

'The question of what is a different crime

in the case of Demjanjuk is a legal question which the Supreme Court has not ruled on."

The Israeli Supreme Court quashed Mr. Demjanjuk's 1988 death sentence, saying there was "reasonable doubt" that he was the guard "Ivan" at Treblinka, where 870,000 lews were killed in 1942 and 1943.

But the court did not absolve the 73-yearold retired auto worker, who settled in Cleveland after the war, of war crimes. The court said that evidence showed that Mr. Demjanjuk served as a guard at the Sobibor, Flossen-burg and Regensburg death camps.

The justices refused to charge Mr. Demjanjuk with these offenses, saying he had not been given a chance to defend himself against the accusations. The justices also said that after more than seven years in prison too much time had elapsed to begin new judicial

But just as it appeared that Mr. Demjanjuk would go free a second Supreme Court penal agreed to a hearing on Aug. 11 to decide if Mr. Demjanjuk could stand trial based on evidence that he was a guard at four other

Mr. Demjanjuk's lawyer predicted he

would be set free and allowed to return to the

Mr. Demianjuk insists that he is a victim of mistaken identity. He said he never served as a guard in Nazi death camps.

Efraim Zuroff, the director of the Nazihunting Wiesenthal Center in Jerusalem, said his organization would join the two Israelis challenging the Supreme Court decision, based on evidence that Mr. Demjanjuk was a

guard at the Sobibor camp.

"People have to understand Sobibor was not a summer camp," he said. "Those involved in those activities mardered 250,000 innocent men, women and children."

■ U.S. May Appeal Ruling Justice Department officials were considering Wednesday whether to appeal the ruling that John Demjanjuk must be allowed back into the United States, news agencies reported from Washington.

If Israel were to try Mr. Demjanjuk on new

charges, it would violate its extradition treaty with the United States, the panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said.

After his acquittal in Israel, Mr. Demjanjuk prepared to go to Ukraine.

WORLD BRIEFS

In Greece, 'Documents of Shame'

ATHENS (AFF) — Only Greeks who are members of the Orthodox faith are fully Greek, according to an official security report leaked to the newspaper Eleftherotypia which published extracts Wednesday under the beading "Documents of Shame."
"It would not be too much to say that any Greek who is not Orthodox is not completely Greek," the report said in one of several extracts published by the paper. It recommended that "repressive measures" be

published by the paper. It recommended that "repressive measures" be taken against non-Orthodox groups. The report, by the security service text, had been canceled in May on the grounds that it contained "gravitals falso alarments." "entirely false elements," the paper said.

The report said the Orthodox religion should form the basis for foreign policy, with Greece seeking to create an Orthodox axis in the Balkans "to set against the Turkish Moslem are in the region."

FBI Seizes 2 in Washington Spy Case

WASHINGTON (Remers) - The FBI has arrested a State Depart-

WASHINGTON (Reuners) — The FBI has arrested a State Department secretary and a self-described West African journalist on espionage charges. FBI agents said they had taken into custody Geneva Jones, who has worked at the State Department's Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs since 1989, and Dominic Ntube, a resident alien from Cameroon.

The two were arrested Tuesday on charges of willfully communicating, delivering and transmitting "documents relating to the national defense to persons not authorized to receive them." Justice Department officials said the secretary had smuggled out classified documents in her purse and had passed them to Mr. Ntube. The officials said it was not clear whether any foreign government was behind the alleged spying.

Seoul Asks Nuclear Talk Resumption

SEOUL (AP) — South Korea proposed Wednesday that talks reopen next week between South Korea and North Korea to try to resolve concerns that the Communist North has a secret nuclear weapons

program.

Prime Minister Hwang In Sung in a telephone call to the North.

Prime Minister Hwang In Sung, in a telephone call to the North, proposed that a nuclear control commission charged with overseeing a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula be convened Tuesday.

"This is the time that the two sides should muster wisdom to resolve the nuclear issue, thus making a breakthrough in South-North relations." Mr. Hwang said. The proposal came a day after three International Atomic Energy Agency officials arrived in North Korea to resume inspections of facilities for the first time in three months.

Russia Presses Ukraine on Missiles

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Russia criticized on Wednesday Ukraine's decision not to give up 46 SS-24 nuclear missiles left on its territory after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that since Russia considered itself

A rorange Ministry spokesman said that since Russia considered itself the sole nuclear state among the former Soviet republics, with sole rights to the arsenals of the former superpower, it owned the SS-24s.

Ukraine has not ratified the START-1 nuclear reduction treaty between the Soviet Union and the United States. Ukrainian officials contend that the SS-24s are not included in the treaty, which, the officials say, applies only to the country's 130 older SS-19 strategic missiles.

Paris Widens Gay Health Benefits

PARIS (AFP) — The French Social Security system said Wednesday that it had amended its regulations and would allow homosexuals to benefit from a partner's health coverage.

The move was welcomed by Ornicar, a group that lobbies against sexual discrimination. It said the decision was a "revolution" in social legislation and would be of particular help to couples in which one partner had used up all health coverage rights in a long illness, such as AIDS. Under the new rules for couples of the same sex, a partner who is working can name a "companion" as a dependent.

Riot Toll in South Africa Tops 100

JOHANNESBURG (Combined Dispatches) — Street clashes in black townships killed five people overnight, the police said Wednesday. The government was considering sending in more troops to restore order.

More than 100 people have died since Saturday, mostly in townships near Johannesburg, in the latest outburst of political violence. In Katle-hong Township, shooting erupted Wednesday between the police and

men among a crowd of monners at a funeral for five clash victims.

President Frederik W. de Klerk said he supported a multiparty peacekeeping force, but he stressed that it would be an auxiliary unit and that
the police and army would remain under his command. ...(AP, Reners)

For the Record

Jordan has set Nov. 8 for analtiparty elections, the first since 1956. The cabinet adopted the date at a weekly session. Singapore set Aug. 28 for its first presidential election, which so far has

Transfer of the

only one announced candidate, Deputy Prime Minister Ong Teng Cheong. Both opposition parties have declined to nominate anyone. But Chia Shi Teck, a nonelected legislator, told the Straits Times be would run if no one else stood against Mr. Ong.

Rwanda and the rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front signed a peace accord in Arusha, Tanzania, on Wednesday that was expected to end nearly three years of civil war.

Chinese Base in Paracels Mapped by Japanese

INDONESIAN RITE - A Balinese woman placing a sacred offering at Kuta beach, where the tourist season is reaching its peak.

first Chinese film to win the top prize at the Caones International Film Festival.

problem is that "Farewell to My Concubin

deals with homosexuality and depicts some of

From the Polithuro's point of view, the

Worst of all, a leading character commits

suicide. That might be tolerable if the death

occurred during the Cultural Revolution

from 1966 to 1976, when most of the present

leaders were not in power. Instead, it takes place in 1977, when Deng Xiaoping and other top leaders were already clawing their way

Chinese Ban Widely Acclaimed Film

the Communist period turmoil.

TOKYO — A Japanese newspa-per published Wednesday what it said was a satellite photograph showing for the first time the scale and location of a Chinese airfield

By Nicholas D. Kristof

New York Times Service

China, the government has banned one of the nation's most acclaimed recent films after

The leaders had approved a censored ver-sion of "Farewell to My Concubine," which

follows the lives of two Peking Opera actors

through five turbulent decades of modern

But last week the authorities halted its

The ban will not affect the film's release in

release and distribution without explanation.

the United States in the fall. But it means that

just a few showings.

Chinese history.

BELIING - In a bleak omen for culture in

nese troops to 70 villages inside a United Nations zone facing Israel's self-styled security zone in the on a disputed island in the South

Hezbollah unul Israeli troops with-draw in line with UN Security Council Resolution 425, passed in from the southern up of Woody Island, the Yomiuri Shimbun said.
The 1.85-square-kilometer (.7China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Malaysquare-mile) island is the largest of claimed by China, Taiwan and

back to the top.

Vietnam. The newspaper said the airfield The photograph showed a 2,600- might enable China's military to meter runway stretching northeast control the air over the disputed

sia, Brunei and the Philippines

the Paracel Islands, which are claim all or part of the Sprathys. Beijing has already bolstered its territorial claim to the Paracels by deploying troops, including tank corps and anti-merrate artillery, to Woody Island.

Taiwan said Wednesday that it was considering building an air base in the Sprattys.

Normally the Chinese authorities han a

film in obscurity and almost no one hears-about it. But to their huge embarrassment, at quiet "execution" is impossible this time.

In May, "Farewell to My Concubine" was: co-winner of the Palme d'Or, this apparine at

Cannes. The other film was "The Piano," a

International Critics' Prize for "its incisive

analysis of the political and cultural history

of China and for its brilliant combination of

The ban on the film is a retreat from what

has overall been a process of cultural liberal-

"Farewell to My Concubine" received the

romance set in New Zealand.

the spectacular and the intimate."

izacion in China.

Huang Hui-ho, deputy director of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, said his agency would send technicians and other specialists to the islands next month to help decide wheter to build an airfield in

TRAVEL UPDATE

As an anti-AIDS measure. France is using foreign-language ads this summer to promote the use of condoms among tourists. Billboards in French, English, German, Spanish and Arabic are going up at 200 railroad stations, 18 airports and 400 camping grounds. France has one of the highest incidences of AIDS in Europe. (Reuters)

Eva Asways will begin three-a week flights between Taipei and San Francisco on Oct. 2, and increase the weekly flights between Los Angeles and Taipei from seven to 10 in mid-October. (Bloomberg) Iran Air will raise its international fares by 46 percent beginning Sept. 23, the head of Iran's Civil Aviation Organization was quoted as saying

Wednesday. Domestic lares will rise by 20 percent.

Turkey's Fading Role as U.S. Proxy to Emerging Central Asian Nations * Central Asia's ethnic strife. Only now are its poli-thinks Turkey is going to be a major player in The problem was getting the Azerbaijani oil into

ISTANBUL - When the Cold War ended and the remote Soviet fiels of Central Asia became independent states, an idea emerged here and in Washington that Turkey should expand its role from bulwark of the Western alliance to patron of emerging nations stretching east to the Chinese

ward Western prosperity. For the United States, facing the prospect of ever more complex nationalist strife abroad as Soviet power crumbled. Turkey seemed a reliable proxy to fill the Central Asian These days, that dream appears to be fading.

Facing its own economic troubles recently, this nation of 60 million has been unable to provide the aid to cement its influence over the region. Western diplomats say. Its diplomacy has been hesitant, reflecting a deep fear of being drawn into

different. If they can't do it in Azerbaijan, who

shown the limits of Turkey's influence in an area

through a pipeline running through Turkey.

Turks be responsible?"

Developments in the Caucasus region have also
shown the limits of Turkey's influence in an area

through a pipeline running through Turkey.

cymakers acknowledging how dillicult the region's ethnic and political crosscurrents can be

While Turkey has carefully avoided disputes with Russia, diplomats also worry that Ankara may end up at loggerheads with Moscow in the Caucasus, a region rich in oil where their historical rivalry has led to wars in centuries past. Most of all, the chaos in Azerbaijan - the

The idea had instant allure for many Turks, centerpiece of Turke, s regional aspirations—has reviving forgotten dreams of pan-Turkic influence exposed Ankara's reluctance to act as an aggresamong distant Muslim kin awaiting a march to-sive patron, still less a protector. Its protege in sive patron, still less a protector. Its protege in Baku, Abuifaz Eichiber, has been overthrown. devaluing Turkey's influence in the eyes of other countries farther east.
"Azerbaijan was the model to show what would

happen in the future," said Nur Batur, the diplo-matic editor of the Istanbul daily Milliyet, "Now

they will be much more distant." A Western dipional said: "A couple of years

other places?" Turkish government officials dispute such con-

clusions, but they have begun to scale back their assessment of what Ankara can do or should be expected to do in a region where many speak Turkish and supposedly strive for Turkey's brand of secular democracy but have not forgotten more recent ties to Moscow.

"It is not up to Turkey to play the role of regional superpower," said Ozdem Samberk, a high-ranking Foreign Ministry official in Ankara. "Turkey's effort was to belp Azerbaijan make a soft landing after the collapse of the communism. In no way was Turkey claiming that we were pretending to run the country. It has never been the Turkish intention to impose any model."

President Suleyman Demirel, who has been faulted for his caution in diplomacy, said: "If anything happens in these countries, why should

whose history and faith anchor Turkish appeal to

Its effort to mediate in the territorial dispute between Azerbaijan and predominantly Christian Armenia, for instance, has faltered. Some Azerbaijanis have accused Turkey of selling them out by supplying electric power to Armenia this year when Azerbaijan was trying to squeeze the Arme-nian economy through a faci blockade, Miss Batar

Government officials and diplomats also speculate that disputes are likely to surface between Turkey and Russia over the issue that may end up at the center of the regional struggle: oil.

A source of cheap oil during Soviet rule, Azerbaijan is now viewed as one of the world's last major untapped reserves. When the Soviet Union collapsed in December 1991, Azerbaijan was one of the few components that declined to join the Commonwealth of Independent States. As U.S.

Turkey so it could link up with the pipeline that carried Iraqi oil to the Mediterranean before the United Nations embargo severed Baghdad's outlets. American oil companies did not like the idea of their oil passing through Iran. But how secure could a pipeline through the Caucasus be while Armenia and Azerbaijan were at war?

The answer, diplomats here said, was to build ours through both areas and link them up in As negotiations on the pipeline progressed

wever, Mr. Elchibey was overthrown. The timing stirred suspicions among diplomats and commentators here —echoed by Mr. Elchibey - that Russia was somehow behind it all.

The Russians are terribly upset, Miss Batur said. They don't want Turkish influence in the area. They want to control it, especially Azerbai

Even senior Foreign Ministry officials acknowledge that Ankara and Moscow may have competing interests in the Caucasus. —ALAN COWELL

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Federal Employees Get Abortion Coverage

WASHINGTON — For the first time in a decade, federal enaploy-ees will be able to obtain abortions paid for by their health insurance policies after abortion rights supporters won a critical vote in the Senate.

But opponents of abortion insisted that they would not let the action be a precedent for what is covered under national health care legislation that President Bill Clinton is expected to propose this fall.

Senator Barbara A. Mikulaki of Maryland, who led five women Democratic sensions who assembled the votes for Tuesday's 51 to 48—victory, said "our position is that federal employees should have the same rights as employees in the private sector," where some insurance policies cover abortions. The government pays 60 percent of the cost of federal workers' health insurance.

She said the unite offseed on formers for how the issue of abortion.

She said the vote offered no forecast for how the issue of abortion in national health care would come out, except that it would be closely fought. But other supporters of abortion rights have said it was essential that these services be provided to federal employees under their insurance if there was to be a chance of winning them for the general public.

(NY7)

3 Drug Use Surveys Found 'Questionable'

WASHINGTON — The General Accounting Office has found "questionable" accuracy and reliability in three federally funded annual drug use surveys that have been widely regarded as the government's best barometers for measuring progress in the war on narcotics. It said there were "methodological problems" that skewed the validity of the surveys, resulting sometimes in overly conserva-

tive estimates of drug use and sometimes in exaggerated estimates.

The three surveys the office criticized are the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, the only drug use data project being conducted on a cross-section of American households; the High School Senior Survey, which tracks drug-use patterns and trends in public and private high schools, and the Drug Use Forecasting project, which studies drug use among booked criminals and is used by local law enforcement agencies in planning anti-drug abuse and treatment programs.

While calling the surveys "sophisticated" and "highly developed,"

the accounting office said they rounnely omit some high-risk groups and rely too heavily on self-reporting techniques, which the congressional watchdog agency said were of questionable value. (WP)

Senate Votes Smoking Ban in U.S. Buildings

WASHINGTON - The Senate voted to ban smoking in all rederal buildings, including the White House. Congress and U.S. courthouses, except in specially designated areas that are ventilated separately from other offices. The proposal by Senator Frank R. Lautenberg, Democrat of New Jersey, was approved by voice vote as part of a \$2.2.3 billion appropriations bill for the Treasury Department. ment, Postal Service and general government for fiscal 1994. While no similar provisions were included in the House version of the legislation, the House has gone further than the Senate in restricting smoking in its offices, and Senate supporters of a government-wide smoking ban expressed optimism that the House would go along with it.

(WP)

How to Get Your Congressman's Attention

WASHINGTON — So you think the politician you sent to Congress is a glad-handing, free-spending, backslapping, I'm-all-right-Jack yoyo who oever listens to anything you say.

Contrary to what many Americans may believe, members of Congress care desperately about their constituents. They hire hundreds of people to read mail; answer phones and write letters to folks at home who are angry or concerned about something. The trick is to get their attention.

In May, Western Union surveyed 79 congressional staffers to find

In May, Western Union surveyed 79 congressional staticts to impout what really gets their attention. Eighty percent said they preferred the witten word, giving personal letters "great importance." Furthermore, 84 percent of the aides agreed that a personalized telegram would be recited the same as a personal letter. This should be no surprise. Telegrams are what Western Union-deck, and the survey was designed, in part, to get people to buy more. Opinion-grams." (WP)

Nobel Laureste Picked for Health Post

WASHINGTON - Dr. Harold E. Varmus, the Nobel Prizewinning microbiologist of the University of California at San Francisco, has been picked by President Bill Clinton to head the National Institutes of Health. If confirmed by the Senate, Dr. Varmus would be the first Nobel laureate to lead the nation's premier biomedical

President Bill Chinton, in a nationally televised address on his economic plan: "We can continue on the path of higher deficits and lower growth or we can make a fundamental change to improve our nation's economy by adopting my economic plan."

(AP)

Senator Bob Dole, Republican leader in the Senate, replying to the president: "The world will not end if this bill is defeated."

(AP)

Away From Politics

· Dr. Jack Kevorkian was present when a man in his 30s, suffering from anyonrophic lateral sclerosis, known as Lou Gehrig's disease, committed suicide in Detroit by inhaling carbon monoxide, the physician's lawyer, Michael Schwartz, said. The suicide was the 17th in Dr. Kevorkian's presence since 1990.

Environmental officials believe that drinking water in parts of New York City became contaminated last week from sea gull droppings in a reservoir in Yonkers, just north of the city.

• Former President Richard Nixon wants a federal court to prohibit the scheduled release this month of four more hours of his taperecorded conversations about the Watergate break-in.

• In a sexual harassment suit in Philadelphia, Kathleen A. Frederick says she was desperate enough to be made a partner at a prestigious law firm that she slept with a prominent Republican attorney who had promised to help. When she broke off the affair, she claims, he got her fired instead.

· Clambering over two counselors, a black bear severely mauled a sleeping 13-year-old boy at a campground in the San Bernardino National Forest, in California, despite the efforts of a third counselor to fight the animal off. The boy was in guarded condition after surgery for head and shoulder cuts.

e If Californians pass a sweeping education-spending initiative in November, every parent whose child attends a private or parental school will receive \$2,600 from the state to help pay tuition. But the money would come from the public schools, many of them already

Epitaph of Great Flood Writ Large Across the Midwest

Washington Past Service
ST. LOUIS, Missouri - Just before he and others evacuated the historic town of Prairie du Rocher, Illinois, Ralph Minton, a retired farmer, had a message for the out-side world, which had watched for more than a month as the great rivers of the Midwest swallowed communities and farms, including

"You can tell all them good people," he said, "that these people fought the good fight but they

As the Great Flood of '93 begins to recede, Mr. Minton's words could serve as its epitaph.

Across a vast region from the Dakous to southern Illinois, where the Mississippi River widens to accept the torent still threatening additional flooding if more rain falls, people fought with sandbags, gravel and rock. Too often, they

They-watched homes and businesses fill to the roof with muddy river, saw farm structures ripped from foundations by the current, wept when they returned home to

walk across soggy carpets and survey mud-caked walls.

Their crops were ruined and their livestock drowned, the carcasses washed downstream. At least 47 people have died.

The full economic cost to the

region and the nation may never be are sketchy.

In the nine states affected, damage to crops and other property is put at more than \$11 billion and climbing Eventually, the damage is expected to exceed the record flooding cost of \$12 billion caused

In lowa, Illinois and Missouri -the hardest-hit states - almost 50,000 people were forced to leave their homes and about 3.6 million acres of farmland were flooded or



known. Even preliminary estimates Residents of Prairie du Rocher, Illinois, abandoning their efforts and seeking higher ground after they learned of another levee break.

acres of agricultural land have been damaged, including about 8 million acres either submerged or too wet well. Some may never recover,

According to the National Weather Service, the flood touched the lives of people in a meandering

Throughout the region, an estimated 38,000 homes and 20 million break is slightly less than one and a half times the size of Belgium.

These figures do not capture the scope of the disaster: lost or interby the hurricane that rampaged for farmers to plant. Some farmers rupted jobs; vanished tax revenues from Florida to New York in 1972. are out of business next year as and tourist dollars; disruption of the transportation system as water forced closure of roads, bridges and railroads and halted barge traffic.

More than a month after the area covering 16,000 square miles worst of the flooding began, no near the swollen rivers and creeks. bridges are open across the Missis-

sippi from St. Louis almost 200 miles north to Keokuk. lowa. In Hannibal, Missouri, a ferry is scheduled to begin service this

week for the more than 500 people in the area who depend on the river crossing to reach their jobs. Nor can the broad gauges of economic loss convey the impact of

countless personal tragedies, from the death of a relative to the destruction of family mementos and the disappearance of a pet.

On Monday, Shannon Murphy, 29, of Indianapolis, visited Valmeyer, Illinois, which had been engulfed by floodwaters a day earlier. She brought a camera, she said.

hard as it hit her because you know someone who's lost everything."

The \$10.4 billion program for the

Titan-4, built by Martin Marietta

Corp., the largest aerospace elec-

on Tuesday. The air force has com-

missioned 41 of the rockets, more

under construction.

The people who live in the small towns and farm the rich land near the banks of the Mississippi, the Missouri and their tributaries are accustomed to periodic flooding. It comes with the territory.

Yet the region's oldtimers agree that this was the worst in memory. not only because of record volume of water but because the flood came later, and lasted longer, than anyone could have imagined.

When it struck again and again, it did so with a capricious ven-geance that quickly overwhelmed some towns yet left neighboring communities untouched.

When levees broke, as they have along the Mississippi and Missouri repeatedly in recent days, destruction arrived with sudden fury. According to state officials, more than 400 levees on the Missouri River in the state that bears its name were topped or damaged, while in filinois 17 levees gave way along the Mississippi and Illinois rivers. Most of these were privately owned earthern structures or con-

trolled by levee districts. According to the Army Corps of Engineers, of 275 levees it maintains in the region, only 2 collapsed and 31 were Away from the scenes of dramat-

ic levee breaks, the Great Flood of '93 advanced with slow, methodical destructiveness, with thousands of volunteers stacking sandbags.

"A tornado goes through, a hurricane goes through, it hits, it's gone and you begin rehuilding," said Mike Lawrence, press secretary for Governor Jim Edgar of Illinois. "This is just a different type of disaster. I'm not sure we've ever seen one like this."

"The most fascinating aspect of hecause her aunt, who owns a bar this flood is its duration," said in the town, "couldn't hear to come Scott Kroczynsky, a meteorologist the town, "couldn't hear to come scott Krcczynsky, a meteorologist with the weather service. "This flood is far from over. During the can watch TV in Indiana, but when next five to six weeks, we're still I saw my aunt's face it hit me as vulnerable. If there is above-average precipitation, you could get a repeat of what we had."

lance satellites could be launched.

Replacing the lost spy satellites

would put some strain on the re-

connaissance office's classified

more than three times the size of

the State Department's budget and

But debate over satellites is itself

Titan-4 Blast Cripples CIA Budget and Espionage Program The debate concerned the value bers say the figure is \$360 million. remaining set of the ocean-surveil-

By Tim Weiner New York Times Service

WASHINGTON -- The explosion of a Titan-4 rocket over the Pacific destroyed its secret payload, an \$800 million spy-satellite system, wiping out most of the savings Congress took from the intelli-gence budget this year and damaging the nation's most expensive

The cost of replacing the spy-satelings wrung from Mr. Woolsey by

The Associated Press

Bill Clinton welcomed four House

Democrats who abandoned their

opposition to his budget Wednes-

day, and he went face-to-face with

a wavering Democrat who could provide the margin of victory in the

Negotiators included a last-min-

nte concession to wealthy taxpay-

The Treasury Department an-nounced that the nearly 1.5 million

high-earning couples and individ-uals whose income taxes would be

raised retroactively by the bili would be given until April 15, 1996,

to pay this year's increase. The change was aimed at defus-

ing a major complaint from Repub-

licans, who unanimously oppose

There was no public him that the

deficit-cutting plan, with its \$241 billion of tax increases and promise

of \$255 billion of spending re-straints, would not pass the House and Senate later this week.

But there was a bit of nervousness among the House Democrats, and nobody could list the 50 votes

that are necessary to get it through

Mr. Clinton, speaking after a vis-it to Capitol Hill for a closed ses-

sion with House Democrats, said

WASHINGTON - President

the congressional intelligence committees last month. Together, the satellite system and the rocket cost at least \$1 bil-

lion, making Monday's explosion the most costly space accident in monetary terms since the 1986 Challenger shuttle disaster. It will also cost the CIA time and

money as the agency struggles to rearrange programs to buy and

a leader of Southern conservatives, growth.

announced that he would switch in

trols over federal spending. But Mr. DeConcini, who has crinicized

Mr. DeConcini had opposed the increase.
original bill, which passed the SenSenato

cided on how to vote.

On Budget, Clinton 'Converts' 4 in House

Mr. Clinton stood at a press con-ference in the Statuary Hall of the were based on the simple fact that

Capitol with the House Democrat- the bill is a package of tax increases

le leaders and four Democratic on gasoline, Social Security bene-

members who had opposed the bill fits and income - though 90 per-

in May, when it passed, 219-213, cent of them would fall on those

but who will vote oow for the com- making more than \$100,000 a year

The four were Charles Wilson of iticians are not eager to brag about. Texas, Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, Paul McHale of Pennsylva-House Democrats the message he

mia and Tim P. Johnson of South had given in a nationally televised

Dakota. speech Tuesday night — that the But Representative Charles W. bill is necessary to control a deficit Stenholm, Democrat of Texas and that is undermining economic

the other direction. He that said he the nation will "have an economy could not accept the bill's 4.3-cent-that creates jobs and lifts up the

a-gallon increase in the gasoline American people," he said.
tax, and that he wanted more Republicans hammered away at

spending cuts. the fact the income-tax increases,
President Clinton invited Senator Dennis DeConcini, Democrat couples earning more than about

of Arizona, to the White House to \$180,000 and singles over about observe the signing of two executive orders designed to tighten controls over federal spending. But The Sensie Republican leader.

the lack of such controls, said after through the Capitol waving a draft

the session that he still was unde- of a Russian Consolution. Article

ate in June only on the strength of ly against retroactivity in his re-Vice President Al Gore's de-break-sponse to Mr. Clinton's television

was an even more expensive satel-fite system, code-named Lacrosse, that uses radar to take photographs from space.

Spy satellites now under develeach. They cost so much hecause they are handmade to exacting specifications — like a two-ton Swiss watch — and because they require elaborate security.

Every penny-we cut is gone, systems in the world, officials said, as existion who fought to cut an additionable 200 million from the system destroyed in the explosion budget for spy-satellite programs requested by the director of central intelligence, R. James Woolean Tennes and the programs occan-surveillance satellites and intelligence and in by the navy to track foreign ships end, Congress cut about \$1.3 biland listen to their communications, lion from Mr. Woolsey's \$29 billioo They denied press accounts that it intelligence budget request.

-and spending restraints that pol-

Thus, Mr. Clinton repeated to

When that deficit is contained,

Bob Dole of Kansas, walked

57, he said, bars any retroacove tax

Senator Dole had argued strong-

address Tuesday night. But by day-

of intelligence satellites over spies. While extraordinarily capable of tracking military movements, satellites cannot conduct conversations opment can cost up to \$2 billion in bazaars, like a spy, or translate political broadsides and interpret economic data, like an intelligence analyst, The cost of Monday's explosion was roughly equal to the

total annual pay of every spy and analyst at the CIA. After the Challenger disaster, the nation's intelligence agencies relied solely on the Titan-4 to launch spy satellites. But there will be no ocu launches of espionage equipment until the air force determines what went wrong with the rocket that exploded — which cost \$200 million, according to the air force, though congressional staff mem-

income taxes were raised by the bill

this year will be allowed to pay the

increase in three installments: one-

third by April 15 in each of the next

three years.
In addition, there would be no

penalty or interest on the install-

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tronics company in the world, was placed under review by the air force budget, which exceeds \$6 billion —

Colonel Stirling said the review a strain for the office, because al-

could take several months. When most everything about it has been

than half of which are completed or twice that of the CIA's,

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NEW YORK — Engene T. Ma-leska, 77, crossword puzzle editor of The New York Times, died Tuesday of throat cancer in Daytona Beach, Florida

As the crossword editor, he chose 7,000 puzzles for the daily paper and The New York Times Magazine, sifting each year through more than 2.8 million clues that often jump-started readers

President Bill Clinton, the sub-("Arkansas Traveler").

Mr. Maleska combined a clue Weng died in May at 86.

ness that was apparent in puzzles like one titled "Strip Tees." It had nothing to do with the buff or the rough, but with dropping the 20th letter of the alphabet. The answer to "Tim's time" was "ipoebroughheulips" ("Tiptoe Through the Tu-lips") and to "nondrinker" was

The Times editorship was Mr. Maleska's second career - he was minds faster than their morning an English teacher and public-coffee. school administrator for more than President Bill Clinton, the subject of a puzzle in the magazine the weekend before his inauguration, finished it, in ink, "between spurts of speech-writing," correctly answering clues such as No. 24 across. "campaigner Clinton, timefully" the lines had published dozens of crosswords that he had submitted to the language. as a free-lance contributor. Mr.

undergraduate at Montclair State College in New Jersey. The clue for No. 1 across was "most beautiful girl on campus." The answer was "Jean," for the classmate he was dating and eventually married.

Jorge Campinos, 56, Ex-Portuguese Minister

Jorge Campinos, 56, a former Portuguese cabinet minister, was killed in a car crash in Mozambique, where he had gone to help prepare a new constitution, Ren-ters reported from Maputo. Radio Mozambique said Wednesday that Mr. Campinos

car and a truck collided Friday

near Mohamba, close to the border

with South Africa. Seven persons

died in the crash.

gal consultant to the European Par-isament and was a member of the Court of Justice of the European worked for Newsweek and the Sat-Court of Justice of the European Communities.

Born in Angola, Mr. Campinos was a founder member of the Portuguese Socialist Party. He served as secretary of state for foreign affairs in 1974-75 in one of the shortlived provisional governments after the 1974 revolution in Portugal.

Lauren V. Ackerman, 88, a can-cer pathologist whose textbooks guided a generation of physicians and teachers, died of cancer Tuesday in Stony Brook, New York.

forty years an American journalist in Europe and the author of six novels, died Tuesday in the south of France. She had been in poor sepsis after an operation.

urday Evening Post. Cardinal Guido Del Mestri, 82

Robert C. Cosgrove, 74, a past chairman of Green Giant Co., maker of frozen and canned vegetables, died Sunday in Naples, Florida, after a long illness.

an Italian who spent more than four decades in the Vatican diplo-

Martin S. Ackerman, 61, a busi-nessman who specialized in finan-Toni Howard, 80, for more than cially troubled companies and closed The Saturday Evening Post amid protests at his dealings, died Monday in Manhattan, of acute



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ing vote. address Tuesday night. But by day-But he has been coursed ardently light on Wednesday. Democrats he thought that a victory in the on the brink of financial disaster. • Wellesley College, in Massachusetts, Hillary Rodham Clinton's House would mean "we'll carry it in the Senate. "I don't think the to replace Senator David L. Boren. had a ready response that would Democrat of Oklahoma, who voted ease a great deal of the retroactivity "yes" on the first round but now problem. Senate will let this plan go down," he said. "I don't think they will do aima mater, is expected to announce that its 12th president will be Diana Chapman Walsh, a professor at the Harvard School of Public Negotiators and the administraintends to vote "no," AP, NYT, WP, EAT The indecision, attempted deal- tion agreed that any person whose that to the country." Eugene T. Maleska, Times Crossword Editor, Dies Mr. Campinos was working for health. She came to Europe in 1942 ... Mr. Maleska constructed his first the European Community as a le-with the U.S. Office of War Inforpuzzle in 1933, when he was an

By John F. Burns New York Times Service

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Derving threats of NATO air strikes, Serbian nationalist forces moved ". ednesday to complete their encirclement of Bosnian military units defending a mountain stronghold that has been crucial to Sarajevo's survival during 16 months of siege. A spokesman for the United Nations military command

said Serbian tanks, artillery and infantry appeared to have virtually trapped the Bosnian garrison atop Mount Igman,

which guards the western approach to the city.

Bosnian commanders here dispatched hundreds of troops to reinforce the units defending against the Serbians, but they acknowledged that the situation was critical, A UN spokesman, Lieutenant Commander Barry Frewer

of Canada, said reports from UN military observers on the mountain less than 16 kilometers (10 miles) from the center of Sarajevo indicated that the Serbs had halted their advance at midnight on Tuesday, apparently to consolidate their

General Rasim Delic, a Bosnian commander, said the Serbian forces had continued their assault on Wednesday with intensive attacks during the afternoon.

The Serbian attack continued a three-week offensive that has routed Bosnian forces along a 25-kilometer arc of mountainous terrain that had served as an outer shield for Saraje-

From Tmovo, 24 kilometers south of Sarajevo westwards to Malo Polje, a ski resort that was the site of events in the 1984 Winter Olympics, the Serbian forces have scored victory after victory against lightly armed Bosnian defenders. With the fall of Malo Polje, the Serbs have captured half of Mount Igman and have tanks and artillery on the heights immediately above UN units that control Sarajevo airport.

By pushing toward the capture of Mount Igman, the Serbian military commander, General Ratko Mladic, appeared to be challenging the will of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which met in Brussels earlier this week and agreed to use air strikes against Serbian forces if the

The NATO decision came under pressure from President Bill Clinton, who backed away from a plan to bomb the Serbian forces in April.

The divisions among the NATO partners, papered over in the decision that was reached in Brussels, appeared to have persuaded the Serbian commander that there was no immediate risk in continuing the offensive.

General Mladie was in a jaunty mood when he arrived for

talks with UN officers at Sarajevo airport Wednesday afternoon, smiling broadly at reporters who asked him if his forces had captured Mount Igman. "Yes, sir!," he replied in English. "Come and look."

Lieutenant Commander Frewer said General Mladic appeared to be in personal charge of operations and was acting like a man who is questioning the extent that we or the West will challenge him."

In Geneva, where talks aimed at ending the war in Bosnia have stalled, the Muslim president of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Alija Izethegovic, said he would end his three-day boycott of the negotiations.

BOSNIA: U.S. Warns Serbs of Risk of Air Strikes

With one exception. Washing-ton's position is that NATO would

Continued from Page 1 tackers. But the United States seeks "decisive" attacks on Serbian offenders, including Serbian military leaders who may be distant from

NATO: Who Will Be in Charge?

The NATO communique called for "full coordination" between commanders and the United Nations, but that ducked the question of who would be in charge. The UN secretary-general, Bu-

tros Butros Ghali, expressing support in principle for use of air power in Bosnia, nonetheless asserted Warren M. Christopher that there could be no bomb attacks without

Canada and France, which have American officials do not agree.

give advance ootice of any air strike to the UN Secretariat and the UN command in the Balkans, but would not need to wait for a bombing request from UN commanders or specific authorization from UN headquarters.

The exception would come if air-craft were called upon to protect UN peacekeepers. In such a case, Washington believes Mr. Butros Ghali is entitled to what one official described as "an icebreaker role," in which he would approve in a letter to Secretary of State the first use of force but not block subsequent operations.

Underlying the question of com-mand are differences over the scope of any air campaign. UN peacekeeping troops in Bosnia un-der UN command, want to give strikes be used only if a particular General Cot, the senior UN com- offender has been "clearly identified" and if the strike is "proporover any use of force by NATO. tional" to the offense, according to a draft UN report

draw from the Bjelasnica Mountain or to stop his offensive before he completed the capture of Mount Igman on its lower slopes. Igman is the last government-beld high ground on the south side of Saraje-

Mr. Karadzic, usually self-as-sured and smiling, seemed uncer-tain of himself in answering reporters' questions as be left the Palais des Nations conference site to fly with Mr. Milosevic back to Bel-

Lord Owen sharply criticized the Clinton administration and NATO for believing that air strikes against Bosoian Serbian forces would change the political or military equation at this late date.

He said the proposed use of NATO air power would have only "marginal influence" on the Bosnian Serbs without the deploymenmt of ground troops, an option that he noted both the United States and the European Community had re-

The "downsides and consequences" of using air strikes would become apparent, he predicted, as NATO resumed its discussions of the proposal at its ministerial meeting next Monday "and no doubt for some weeks after that."

Addressing reporters, he asked: "What would air strikes do apart from satisfying most of you, who seem to think that's the way to solve this problem?"

Mr. Karadzie blamed Mr. Izet-begovie for using the Serbian cap-ture of the beights around Sarajevo as an "excuse" for boycotting the talks, which had already reached agreement on "many things." However, Mr. Izetbegovic indi-cated that the two sides were still

far apart on an acceptable partition

the first time that the problems facing his peace conference were "quite considerable."

He said there was only one of two conclusions one could reach about the three Bosnian leaders. either that they did not control their military commanders or they're all lying when they say they're ordering them to cease

"I know which I think is happening," he added without further comment but apparently favoring the second conclusion. "If you can't get people to talk, there will be war."

Swedish Plane Crash Kills 4

VASTERAS, Sweden - Four men were killed and two survived Lord Owen appeared discour- when a light plane crashed early aged and even bitter when he Wednesday into a forest near Vas-talked to reporters, conceding for teras in central Sweden.



Bettino Craxi in Parliament, which roted Wednesday to permit further inquiries into his affairs.

ITALY: Weary of Scandal, Lawmakers Revise Systems

referendum in April 82 percent of the voters demanded an end to the political system that had enabled political parties to stay in power for so long, dominating 52 successive

postwar coalition governments.

In a series of ballots, both houses of Parliament voted to replace the old system of pure proportional representation — which gave political parties enlarged powers - in favor of a new system under which three-quarters of the lawmakers will be chosen by a majority system similar to that of other European

countries. The remaining 25 percent will be distributed according to the proportion of votes received by par-326-seat Senate, but there are some

In the lower house, parties win-ning less than 4 percent of the vote ed Northern League.

will be disqualified, a provision that threaters many of the small parties that are a distinctive feature of Italian politics. The new law on Senate elections makes no such

The changes effectively mean that the current parliament - chosen under the old system - signed its own death warrant.

Few of those currently in office are likely to be re-elected. Almost 20 percent of the country's current legislators, including a slew of former cabinet ministers and prime ministers, have been implicated in the corruption and associated charges of collusion with the Ma-

Political commentators are forecasting that, after a new election, ties, so as to offer smaller parties a the country's political lineup will chance of representation. The vot- he dominated by those whose esing will be virtually the same for caped the corruption scandal—the both the 630-seat lower house and former Communists, now known as the Democratic Party of the Left, in the center of the country,

Only in the conservative and crime ridden south do Italian analysts expect the Christian Demo-crats, the bulwark of postwar Italian politics, to maintain a powerful showing, albeit under a new name, the Popular Party.

The picture, however, will probably be less clearly defined as re-form-minded politics seek crossparty alliances.

"We are closing one chapter and opening another," said Mario Segni, a former Christian Democrat and the reformer who promoted last April's referendum. "But the institutional battle con-

tinnes," he said, referring to the effort to a mold a new style of politics less dependent on frail coalitions and closer to the U.S. systern of large blocs. The vote was a victory for Prime

Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, who took office in April at the head of an interim government committed to fiscal and political reform.

main, Mr. Nikolayich said.

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He said the Russian troops had-

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had kept to themselves their knowl-

edge of the way force was used to

supply the network of brothels.

The report concluded that many

of the women had been paid noth-ing and had lived as captives of the mittary. The system, it added, was operated over a period of 13 years,

from 1932, when Japan was com-

mencing its invasion of China, to the end of the war in 1945. The

network, it was disclosed Wednes-day, included Japanese, Chinese,

Koreans, Filipinos, other Asians

and even Dutch women captured in

The report gave no figures, but

helicopter flight from Yerevan to
Stepanakert, Mr. Buzirev sat stoically, his wounded leg resting former Russian soldiers fighting
against a barrel of gasoline.

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Continued from Page 1 those places. He appeared in Na-gorno-Karabakh in 1992. Noted for qualities of leadership and dis-

cipline, he rapidly became the most highly regarded commander. He was also said to have led an exemplary life. "He didn't smoke, he didn't drink - not cognac, not who reveres the memory of Mr. Malkonian. This abstentions lifestyle made him stand out in this

region of heavy drinking. At the funeral in Yerevan, more than 50,000 turned out, including

President Levon A. Ter-Petrosym Far less heralded, in fact almost a secret, was the death of Garo Kahkeijan, 31, Irom Fresno, California. He was killed in the Armenian enclave by small-arms fire on June 26, according to Troy Kahkejian, his brother.

The brothers were members of a unit called the Crusaders, the name emblazoned in English and Arme-nian on the side of a jeep that species about with regional flags whipping from antennas.

Troy Kahkeijan and another American with the Crusaders were not at all pleased when a journalist and photographer stumbled upon their compound. They would not allow any photographs, and Mr. Kahkejian's colleague would not identify himself, other than to say that he was also from Fresno and that he had left behind a pregnant wife to come here.

As for those from Russia, some seem to be mercenaries, while others say they are motivated by what they consider to be injustices they saw while on military duty here.

"I saw villages that had been burned and the civilians killed by the Azerbaijanis," said Igor Bu-zirev, 25, who suffered a shattered leg while fighting for the ethnic

Indonesia, then known as the Dutch East Indies.

ms have said that as many as . 200,000 women may have been pressed into service.

"We shall face squarely the his-torical facts as described above instead of evading them, and take them to heart as lessons of history," said Yohe Kono, the chief cabinet

COMFORT: Japan Admits Role secretary, in a statement. "We hereby reiterate our firm determination never to repeat the same mistake by forever engraving such issues in our

zen of Nagorno-Karabakh, which

we do not want Russians."

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sidered a whitewast. Mr. Numata noted Wednesday that high school textbooks all mentioned the existence of the "comfort women" but that no order had gone out to the Education Ministry that texts be revised to reflect the new disclosures of the use of coer-

TRIAL: Light Terms in King Case Measure to Place

Continued from Page 1 . . fines nor restitution. Niles Degrate. an anemployed black man who had waited outside the federal building

"I know brothers who've served more than that for traffic violations," he said. "Racism is alive and well in Los Angeles today." largest black church for a prayer visil said they were shocked by the light sentences.

Mr. King was not present during the hearing. His lawyer had said he might attend but also had expressed fears for his safety.

In April 1992, a state jury acquit-ted the four white policemen of all but one state charge in the beating of Mr. King. The verdicts touched off riots causing more than 50 deaths in Los Angeles and nearly \$1 billion in damage. Federal civil rights charges were then brought against the four. In

April, a jury convicted Sergesut Koon and Officer Powell and acquitted the other two. The city remained peaceful. In his comments, the judge said the famed videotape was the key

evidence in the federal trial and

participants not as symbols but as

individuals," Judge Davies said. for the decision, shook his head in He accepted defense claims that Mr. King was combative from the moment police stopped him, that he repelled attempts to handcuff him, that he charged at Officer People who eathered at the city's Powell, who was justified in inflicting baton blows at the outset.

But a minute and 27 seconds into light sentences. the tape, he said, "Mr. Powell struck Mr. King and at that point protect and serve." Beverly Dancrossed the line into illegal congerfield said. "They're doing the dust "Likewise Sergeant Koon, the crimes — just like a gang member." supervisor, crossed the line into ilsupervisor, crossed the line into il-legality by failing to stop Officer Powell, the judge said.

Judge Davies also noted that the policemen had been acquitted in state court and then indicted on the federal charges, "an unusual cir-cumstance," he said, "that has the

specter of unfairness." After the sentencing Assistant. Wednesday.
U.S. Attorney Steven Clymer asked We must
the judge to order the defendants to Solidarity tha be taken into custody immediately. because of the violent nature of their crimes. But defense lawyers referendum on the topic which he contended that they should be al. said had received only "lightning." lowed to remain free on bail while consideration" in the leg

they appealed their opivictions.
Judge Davies recessed the hearhis decision later in the day. until their request is finalized, according to the newspaper Publico.

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In fact, one of the most heatedly debated aspects of Japan's wartime history is how little of it is taught to young Japanese. The years of anger over Japan's unwillingness to face its past grew to a head over the past decade after the Education Ministry began to force textbook authors to water down descriptions of Japan's role as an aggressor. China and then other Asian countries exploded in anger at what they con-

guided him in trying to come up Limits on Asylum "I have tried to treat all of the Vetoed in Lisbon.

The Associated Press LISBON — President Mario Sources has vesced a controversial bill that would drastically restrict the right of refugees to asylum in The bill would eliminate asylunt

for humanitarian reasons, such as famine, as well as the right of an unauthorized refugee to have a hearing in Portuguese court before deportation

Victims of political oppression and human-rights abuses would still be eligible for asylum. Mr. Source attacked the bill as anti-democratic and inhumane: The presidentinvoked his own years as a political exile in France during the 30 year Salazar dictator-

ship in Portugal, the Portuguese daily Diário de Noticias reported We must not be miserly with a solidarity that has saved us in the

past." Mr. Soares said.
Mr. Soares proposed a national referendum on the topic, which he Under current law, the government is required to provide shelter ing and was expected to announce and financial assistance to refugees

HEALTH/SCIENCE

A Race With Japan To the Sea's Bottom

Sub's Goal Lies 7 Miles Under

By William J. Broad New York Times Service

OINT RICHMOND, California As a boy growing up in London in the early 1950s, then as a young engineer, Graham Hawkes often tied having been born too late to join the machine stop daredevils who flew into the sky on a shoesting and almost as an alterthought founded the aviation industry. That melancholy gave way as Hawkes dis-covered the challenge of the energing field of undersea engineering. His moneering ideas soon made him one of the world's top designers of diving suits, submarines and undersea robots and beloed him start a num-

ber of successful companies.
Here at a marina on San Francisco Bay, his 40-foot (12-meter) sailboat and black Corvette nearby, he is now embarked on a venture with his vision of the deep. If he is successful, his new vehicle will take him into the inky blackness of the ocean's deepest canyon, nearly seven miles (11,000 meters) down.

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The machine coming into existence here is small, sleek and white, looking very much like a jet fighter and quite unlike most modern submersibles, which tend to be impainly. It is just big enough for one person. Its wings are shaped to drive the vehicle down as it speeds through the water, rather than up, as would an airplane's. So radical is its design, and so andacious its goals, that the device might be considered pure folly were it not the work of Mr. Hawkes, an acknowledged master of the undersea arts.

Recent statements from his organization say this jet-like submarine is a bold step in a race with Japan to put people on the bottom of the Mariana Trench, the ocean's deepest spot, 36,000 feet down and some seven times grander than the depth of the Grand Canyon. On a personal level, Mr. Hawkes enjoys a

good contest. His sailboat is rigged for racing on the open ocean. But during a conversa tion, one sees that what really stirs the 45-- year-old inventor is the wonder of it all.

"As you go down in a vehicle, the ocean goes from light blue, through dark blue, to indigo, so blackness," he says. "It's a beautiful transition. If you're really lucky, you get into a blackness that is really black and then cut out all the lights and fall through a bioluminescent cloud of plankton."

"Sylvia calls it falling through stars," he adds, referring to Dr. Sylvia A. Earle, a

prominent marine biologist who is his former wife and continuing partner in business and "Movies like The Abyss' and 'Jaws' make people think the ocean is threatening." Mr. Hawkes continues. "It's not. It's very tranonil. Afterward you get yanked out into blinding sprays, waves and a heaving ship. But down there it's peaceful. You oever want to come back. Ever since my first dive, I've

gone back every chance I get." His hundreds of dives include the world's deepest solo descent. In 1985, off San Clemente Island, he pierced the ocean's twilight zone in one of his miniature submarines and dived into total blackness, reaching a depth of 3,000

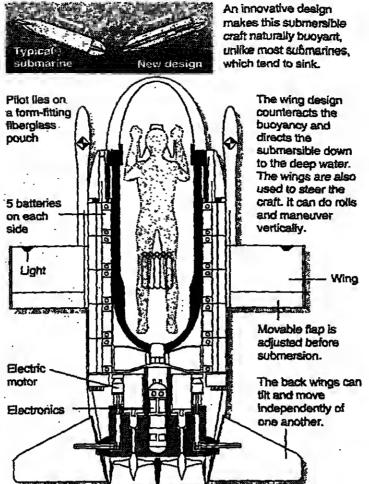
The newest craft Mr. Hawkes has designed for oceanic exploration is the jet-like subma-rine, dubbed Deep Flight. It sits half finished in a workshop overlooking the bay, with \$1 million down and \$200,000 to go before it is ready to slip beneath the waves sometime next year. It is financed with private money, including his own.

"I grew up before computers," Mr. Hawkes says, eyeing his creation. "Computers are changing things, not all for the good. If you want to know how big to size those wings, you can do it by running numbers on a computer. But if you mess up and do the wrong numbers, you won't know unless as a kid you've flown your arm out the window of a car, up and down; up and down. It's that kind of thing that gives you the instinct to know.

APANESE rivals praise his creativity and passion. But while peers often hail Mr. Hawkes as inspired technically, some call him slightly mad, disparaging his penchant for sending people down in vehicles that are so spartan. One admirer of Mr. Hawkes calls the new craft "Deep Fright."

Robots are safer and can do more, some experts argue. Advocates of exploration by machine say that the bottom of the Mariana Trench, where water crushes with a pressure of eight tons per square inch, is especially no place for people. The trench is in the western Pacific, near Guam.

An Undersea Explorer's Buoyant Shell



Source: Deep Fight

Technology Society Journal.

Mr. Hawkes dismisses such anxieties, say-

ing people have become hostile to reasonable ahead slowly, largely with the labor of more risks. He glances at his new machine and than two dozen volunteers. By the late 1980s asks: "Is it a coffin? Possibly. But so is my two vehicles were largely finished, but the car. Yes, you reduce the risk as much as work slowed as the marriage came apart and possible. But let's be realistic. There have the design team split up. Dr. Earle went to been no deaths or serious injuries in anything. Washington in 1990 to become the chief. I've ever made. These machines are much scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmosafer than light airplanes. I put my 13-year- spheric Administration. The marriage ended old daughter in one." The first sketches of a winged vehicle were work together.

made around 1984. It was soon dubbed Deep ing a robot and submarine maker near Van- automatically. But the materials available dared follow suit.

couver, British Columbia, in the Marine then limited its projected depth to about

4,000 feet.
Financed on the chesp, the project moved in divorce last year. Yet the two continue to

Earlier this year, work on Deep Flight was We have to face the fact that an accident would result in serious political repercustions that would limit further activities at buoyant, with the wings driving it down. Its buoyant with plans to put people on the bottom of the Mariana Trench. Although two this depth," wrote James R. McFarlane, event of engine failure or other kinds of men in 1960 ventured to that alien locale for head of International Submarine Engineerproblems, it will rise to the ocean surface 20 minutes, no one over the decades has

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Sifting Lifts to the Libido For Aphrodisiacs, Evidence Is Scant

By Jane E. Brody New York Times Service

EW YORK - Just as we fertilize gardens to give nature a boost, throughout human his-tory people have used a host of tricks to enhance sexual desire. Be they tantalizing scents, soothing lights, sensuous music, stimulating drugs, berbs, foods, drinks or even exercise, these tricks of the sexual trade are known as aphrodisiacs. The name comes from Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of physical love. With low sexual desire now a leading psychiatric complaint, millions of people are seeking ways to excite their sex drives.

Many of the reputed aphrodisiacs, like ginseng and yohimbine, have been used for centuries by primitive Few sexual lures - and not so primitive - cultures to enhance sexual interest and perforhave been put mance. Yet few have been put

Sex therapists, among others, maintain that the mind is the primaty source of sexual account. ry source of sexual arousal, so any test of a suspected aphrodisiac

would also have to measure the pla-cebo effect, the stimulation that results from just thinking one is being exposed to something that ignites

Reviewing reputed aphrodisiacs sold as nonprescription drugs, an advisory panel for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration found in 1982 that only two studies had made a scientific attempt to demonstrate specific aphrodisiac action. Both were said to have

Currently, the evidence in support of most aphro-disiacs is anecdotal, so the placebo effect cannot be ruled out. A person tries something reputed to be a turn-on, feels turned on and declares it an aphrodisiac

However, some substances and other less tangible things, like exercise, have biological effects that could conceivably help the sex drive. For example, some herbs and drugs contain substances that have a mild testosterone-like effect. Although testosterone is classified as a male sex hormone, women produce it as well, and it serves as the primary fuel for libido in both sexes.

Dr. Helen Singer Kaplan, director of the human sexuality program at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, said, "Certain drugs are now known to increase sexual desire by acting on the brain's 'sex center in the hypothalamus.

The emerging understanding of the biochemistry of the brain has shown that drugs that are thought to interact primarily with receptors for dopamine, a neurotransmitter that helps brain cells communicate with each other, can stimulate the sex drive, although in most cases this is an undesirable side effect.

In a recently published book, "Love Potions: A Guide to Aphrodisiacs and Sexual Pleasures" (Jeremy P. Tarcher/Perigree, \$10.95). Dr. Cynthia Mervis Watson, a family practitioner in Santa Monica, evaluates most of the popular measures said to lift the libido. Some of Dr. Watson's assessments:

Ancient peoples believed that foods with the shape or qualities of sex organs were stimulatory. In various cultures, avocados, carrots, cucumbers, figs, oysters, pomegranates and tomatoes were assumed to have

aphrodisiac properties.

More likely to be effective. Dr. Watson maintains, is a well-balanced diet replete with fresh vegetables and fruits and lean sources of protein supply essential nutrients but keep calories low enough.

Many widely used drugs — including various remedies for high blood pressure, high cholesterol and depression, and some contraceptive drugs — can suppress libido, potency or organic ability.

But a few medications have the

reverse effect, though they are not prescribed for this purpose. Besides Welfbutrin and Eldepryl, they include L-dopa, used to treat Parkinson's disease; oxytocin, the hor-mone used to stimulate labor, and Estratest, a hormonal combination used for menopausal women. Recreational drugs, including al-

cohol and marijuana, are counterproductive. While some loosen inhibitions, all can

impair performance.

Ginseng, for all its popularity, has no specific effects on sexuality. Yohimbine does stimulate blood flow to the genitals, but has serious toxic side effects.

Dr. Watson discusses the effectiveness of the olivelike berries of saw palmetto and infusions made from damiana, a shrubby plant that grows in the deserts of Texas and Mexico. She also endorses wild yams and licorice as well as the herb gotu kola, a kind of cola out.

Several large studies of men and women have attest-

ed to the libido-enhancing effects of regular exercise. As a relaxant, body toner, energy booster, antidepres-sant and confidence builder, it may well be the most accessible, safest and most effective aphrodisiac available, and it has lots of other benefits. TIME-HONORED TRICKS

Well-worn but often successful measures include dim

lighting or candlelight, a walk in the starlight, the subtle use of scents, romantic music, titillating garments, wine (in moderation) and a light but wonderful meal.

The most potent aphrodisiaes, according to Dr. Stephen B. Levine, a Case Western Reserve University professor of psychiatry who studies aphrodisiaes, are psychological intimacy and voyeurism - looking at pictures or movies of people engaged in genital or romantic interplay."

And, finally, novelty - in personal appearance or physical location — is a well-known stimulant that helps to keep clothing manufacturers, hairdressers and

Sleep: An Antidote to Infection?

By Sandra Blakeslee New York Tones Sorice .

EW YORK -- A college student goes two nights without sleep to cram for crams and on the third day comes down with a cold. A night-shift employee begins work-ing days and gets the flu. A surgery patient who is awakened four times a night in the hospital begins to recover only after going home and getting a good night's sleep.

Are these simations coincidental? Or do they show that sleep loss promotes illness? Despite intense interest in the question, sleep rescarchers have been hard pressed to show exactly how sleep influences human health and disease.

But now a burst of findings is beginning to shed light on the ultimate purpose of sleep, and in particular on the convoluted interplay between sleep and the immune system. Experiments suggest that the immine system is somehow repaired or boistered during sleep and that it, in turn, has a role in regulating sleep.

Sleep is divided into periods of

so-called REM sleep, characterized by rapid eyeball movements and dreaming, and longer periods of non-REM sleep. Neither kind of sleep is at all well understood, but REM sleep is assumed to serve

The purpose of non-REM sleep is even more mysterious. The experiments, such as those described. for the first time at a recent meeting planations for the purpose of non-

REM sleep.
For example, it has long been known that total sleep deprivation is 100 percent lethal to rats, yet, upon autopsy, the animals look completeby normal. A researcher has now other organs can carry out housesolved the mystery of why the animals die. The rats develop bacterial
infections of the blood, as if their

other organs can carry out housekeeping functions.

Sleep serves many purposes, said
Dr. Harvey Moldolsky, director of Ty normal. A researcher has now solved the mystery of why the animals die. The rats develop bacterial

tors. Researchers expected to see a tem, he said.



Dr. David Dinges monitoring the physical effects of sleep deprivation on a subject.

drive, seeming to respond to sleep deprivation as if it were an invading organism like a bacterium or

In a study of AIDS patients, re-searchers found abnormal fluctuations of an immune system chemisome restorative function of the cal that in healthy people is released rhythmically during sleep. The abnormality may help explain debilitating daytime latigue in AIDS. .

This immune factor may also be of the Society for Sleep Research in related to a nightly rhythmic conple drowsy.

Minneapolia, suggest intriguing extraction of the small intestine, researchers said, raising the distinct possibility that the intestine sends a sleep-promoting signal to the brain via the immune system. In this view, the bowel may be telling the brain to go to sleep so that it and

immune systems had crashed. the University of Toronto Center pensate for each other.

In another study, healthy men for Steep and Chronobiology. Apand women were deprived of steep parently, animals steep to regulate his research on cytokines, messenfor three days while their blood was body temperature, organize memoger chemicals of the immune system. monitored for immune system fac- ties and replenish the immune sys-

opposite happened. The subjects' on sleep as a brain phenomenon, immune systems went into over-ignoring the rest of the body. The ignoring the rest of the body. The cells, organs, hormones and immune factors in the periphery may. like the brain, contain molecular clocks that belp drive daily sleep

and wake cycles, he said. Dr. James Krueger, a physiologist at the University of Tennessee in Memphis, has investigated the idea that sleep factors - the molecales that promote sleep — build up in the bloodstream during the day and, when they reach a high enough concentration, make peo-

UCH sleep factors would be only one mechanism for promoting steep, be lief, based on very little evidence, said. Others might kick in that going without sleep will make during an infection, for example, or you sick, he said. on a hot summer day or after Thanksgiving dinner. Although the medical students taking exams, mechanisms of the various sleep factors would be different, he said, they may interact with and com-

decline in immume function, yet the But most research has focused which make up the from line systems.

against infection, are also found in the brain, although whether circulating cytokines converse with or exert control on brain cytokines is

not known. When cytokines like interleukin-1 (11-1) and tumor necrosis factor are injected into animal brains, the animals fall asleep, Dr. Kruege said. It may be that these molecules promote sleep in some regions of the brain and not others, so that the whole brain does not sleep at once, he said.

Dr. David Dinges, a psychiatrist at the University of Pennsylvania is testing the effects of sleep deprivation on healthy men and women meanwhile. There is a long-held be

Some studies have shown that caretakers of patients with Alz-heimer's disease and people in bereavement have reduced lymphotem that are associated with white ple in crisis who may not be sleepblood cells. These substances, ing well have depressed immune

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4 Mayan City Sites Are Found in Belize

NEW YORK (NYT) - Four sites of ancient Mayan cities have been discovered in the mountains of southern Belize, an area previous ly thought to contain few if any significant mins of the pre-Cohambian civilization, the National Geographic Society has announced.

The discovery appeared to fill in a significant geographical gap in the vast network of Mayan kingdoms, which in the classical period from 250 to 900 A.D. ranged from the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico in the north through Belize, Guatemala, Hondaras and E Salvador. The ruins, which are in a few miles of each other and date back to the classical period, were found in the imagle region of the Monkey River by an expedition supported by the society. aled new forms of taxol, a cancer drug, that cancer cells in the test tube.

Peter S. Dunham, an archaeologist at Cleve-land State University in Ohio who made the discovery, described the four sites as "substantial Maya centers, with sizable buildings rising from the jungle and reservoirs still containing water." He estimated that the population of the four sites was about 7,000, small compared with some of the more magnificent cities like Tikal but not insignificant. Mr. Dunham said the cities probably served as bases for mining min-erals and harvesting plants for trade with the larger Mayan cities.

A Loss Toxic Form Of Taxol Developed

may allow patients to avoid a potentially senous side effect.

Correctly, some patients who get infusious of taxol suffer allergic reactions that include wheezing, a rash and changes in blood pressure. That problem, which occurs in fewer than 10 percent of taxol recipients, can force a halt to the infusions, said Dr. Avi Emzig of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

The reaction appears to be caused by an oily substance that doctors include in the infusions because taxol resists dissolving in water, Dr. Einzig said. In the journal Nature, scientists reported developing new forms of taxol called protatols that dissolve in water by themselves NEW YORK (NYT) - Scientists have cre- and that work about as well as taxol against

Europe Learns as It Goes

Europe's latest monetary breakdown is more emharrassment than crisis. But embarrassing it is, especially to the Eurocrats of Brussels who had vainly tried to decree a kind of financial unity before real coordination of national monetary policies had been achieved.

That stroke of hubris compelled European governments participating in the Community's exchange-rate mechanism to try to main-tain their currencies within a narrow band of fluctuation while simultaneously trying to respond to the different economic conditions that each faced at home. Predictably, the mechanism plunged into crisis every time currency traders sensed that the economic prospects of member nations seriously diverged. A sudden showdown between the mark, pound and fire hadly dented the mechanism last fail.

Now a rift between Europe's two central currencies, the mark and the French franc, has forced Community governments to all but abandon their attempt to fix exchange rates in a narrow band. By allowing rates to fluctuate as much as 15 percent above or below their nominal levels, they have stepped back from their proclaimed goal of a common European

currency before this decade's end. The downward pressure on the franc this time did not come from the usual culprit. inflation. In fact, France's current 2 percent rate is half that of Germany. But the same high French interest rates that kept inflation low also blocked recovery from a severe recession. Money traders reasoned that France would eventually have to lower those rates, while Germany seemed as determined as ever to keep its own interest rates high. Hence the flight from wobbly franc to firm mark. One by one, the overambitious goals of the

1991 Maastricht treaty have had to be drastically scaled back or abandoned. The difficulty of achieving a common foreign and defense policy was exposed by the fumbling response to the Bosnian war. Now the premature dream of a common currency has been rudely set back.

But so what? The future of European integration has never depended on technical details and timetables. What coupts is the political will to expand and deepen the Community. A series of referendums and parliamentary votes in all 12 member countries show that that will remains alive within the Community. And nonmember states in Central and Eastern Europe continue to knock loudly at the Community's door.

Americans thus need not worry about Europe hreaking down under narrow nationalistic pressures. And in purely economic terms, the currency crack-up could prove beneficial to the United States, and Europe as well. With economies like the French now freer to stimulate their way out of recession, demand is likely to go up for both domestic and foreign products. That could help U.S. export sales. And more favorable exchange rates for Euro-pean currencies will please American tourists. Meanwhile, Europe will seek to put the

Community on firmer foundations. A common currency, if it is really desired, can be achieved through gradual convergence of monetary and fiscal policies. Better foreign policy coordination can be learned from two years' worth of catastrophic mistakes in the Balkans. Even the arrogance of Eurocrats can be cured as ill-conceived schemes like the narrow-band exchange-rate mechanism come crashing down around their heads.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Incumbents Under a Cloud

If President Bill Clinton needs cheering up about the state of his popularity, he could send for the latest polls on Prime Minister John Major. The Conservative leader is at rock bottom with a 19 percent approval rating. A mere 11 percent see him as a capable leader. In a special election last week, a con-stituency that the Conservatives had beld for 83 years was lost in a rout.

Although the British economy is actually improving, it has long been in the doldrums. Unemployment is still over 10 percent. In last September's round of troubles in the Europe-an currency markets, Mr. Major was seen as having made some bad choices, and Britain was forced to withdraw from the European Community's currency system. More recently, a group of rebels inside the Conservative Party have bolted on key votes about Britain's participation in the stronger version of the European Community created by the Maascricht treaty. Mr. Major is for Maastricht: the rebels, along with former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, are against.

On top of all this, Mr. Major faces persis tent grumbling from full-blooded Thatcherites who see him as insufficiently faithful to her legacy. Relations between Mr. Major and Lady Thatcher, once warm, are now terrible. Mr. Major, at least, has time. New elections do not have to be called in Britain until 1997,

and despite Conservative grumbling no one expects him to be ousted as leader any time soon. And he can draw at least some comfort from the fact that not all his troubles are of his own making. The Conservatives have been in power now for 14 years. They seem tired, and

the voters seem tired of them.

During most of last year's election campaign, much of the British electorate badly wanted a new government. But by the time voting day arrived, not enough of them could bring themselves to trust the opposition Lahor Party, and the centrist third party, the Liberal Democrats, was not strong enough to win. So the Tories hung on. Fourteen years is

Voters are unhappy with their governments almost everywhere — a message sent most recently by the rise of insurgents in Italy and Japan. The bad electoral mood reflects unhappiness bred by a sluggish world economy and an impatience with "isras" of all kinds, including Thatcherism and Reaganism, conservatism and socialism. Voters seem to sense the inadenew ones. For incumbents such as Mr. Major, the one bit of good news is that this mass mistrust seems to embrace governing and opposition parties alike. It may simply be that this is a terrible time to be a politician.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

This Anti-Deficit Plan Is It

The Democrats withholding support for President Bill Clinton's budget need to ask themselves the question, compared to what? The most frequent criticism of the plan is that it contains too few spending cuts. That is the argument you hear from the congressional Republicans and Ross Perot. You hear the

echo from holdout Democrais as well. But the fair next question is, which spending? The budget offers specific cuts; the entics, air. Mr. Perot particularly has become a parody of himself. Last year the presidential candidate favored larger (ax increases than those for which he now denounces the president. This year be favors spending cuts, but somehow he can never remember to bring from home the chart on which they are spelled out.

The Republicans are no better, A month ago, Bob Dole and company endorsed the specific spending cuts the president has proposed, atop which they managed to drape an entitlement cap. It is the same thing they have been doing for 12 years. They oppose spending in the abstract, but either cannot or will not identify the particular spending that would make the rest of their mythical budget math come out even. The result is that the government now incurs debt at a rate of \$1 trillion a presidential term, and interest is

a seventh of the budget. The interest costs cannot be cut except as projected deficits are reduced. Where else would the cutters turn? Not to defense: most members who would cut total spending more than the president think that miditary spending has already been cut too much. Probably not to domestic programs subject to the appropriations process, either. In an underappreciated bow to conservative House Democrais earlier in the year, the appropriations total has already been basically frozen for five years: the agreed-to caps are already squeez-

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ing out proposed presidential "investments."

spending increases. That leaves entitlements, of which the largest Social Security. Some Democrats say it should be means-tested. But the budget already includes a proposal to reduce benefits as income rises by subjecting a larger share to income tax. It had to be watered down to win the votes of some of the very senators who complain that spending has not been cut enough. Next largest are the major health insurance

programs. Medicare and Medicaid. But to cut ederal health insurance for the elderly and the poor outside the context of broader health care reform is merely to shift the rising cost to other pavers - most likely the privately insured and state governments.

The lesser entitlements that make up the rest of the budget include such staples as military retirement, veterans' benefits, unemployment compensation, college student loans and the hasic forms of aid to the ooor. Are those what the holdours want to cut? Not likely.

The president's budget would reduce the likely deficit by 1998 by more than a third, It includes more spending cuts than he has been given credit for and propably about as many as Congress is realistically prepared to vote for. The holdouts threaten to vote "no" anyway: then a hipartisan "summit meeting" could do more, some say. For the first time in 12 years the country has a president willing to take the political risks of driving down the deficit, and some in his own pany say the way to help him achieve even more of that worthy

goal is - to weaken him? The Democrats who say a vote against the president's plan is a vote in favor of greater deficit reduction are blowing smoke. The choice this week is not between the president's plan and some imaginary other. They vote for his, or they go home with none.

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Enough of This Unnecessary Carnage in the Balkans

N EW YORK —As America lies in its state-induced moral stupor, lots of people the violent deaths all over the

place, particularly in the Balkans.

When it comes to externalizing evil, few things can rival geography or, for that matter, history — that gold mine for both pundits and bandits.

What is happening now in the Balkans is very simple: It is a bloodbath. Terms such as Serbs, Croats. Bosnians mean absolutely nothing. Any other combination of vowels and consonants will amount to the same thing: killing people.

Neither religious distinctions — Orthodox, Catholic, Mus-

lim - nor ethnic ones are of any consequence. The former are forfeited with the first murder (for Thou shall not kill" pertains at least to any version of the Christian creed). As for the latter, all these people are what we in our parts define as Caucasian.

Evocations of history here are hare nonsense. Whenever one pulls the trigger in order to rectify history's mistake, one bes. For history makes no mistakes, since it has no purpose.

bes. For history makes no mistakes, since it has no purpose. One always pulls the trigger out of self-interest and quotes history to avoid responsibility or pangs of conscience. No man possesses sufficient retrospective ability to justify his deeds — murder especially — in extemporaneous categories, least of all a head of state.

Besides, the Balkan bloodshed is essentially a short-term project. Set in motion by the local heads of state, its main

A United Nations resolution should demand the immediate establishment of a demilitarized zone on the territory of Bosnia and deployment of UN troops.

purpose is to keep them in power for as long as physically possible. For want of any binding issue (economic or ideo-logical), it is prosecuted under the banner of a retroactive

utopia called nation alism.

A regressive concept amounting to a flight both from the multinational reality of the Balkans and the melting pot of the future Europe, nationalism boils down to settling old scores with one's neighbors. The main attraction is that it is highly absorbing (physically

and mentally), that is, it takes time and provides employment for a substantial portion of the male population. For a head of state presiding over a mined economy, an active army with its low wages is god-sent: All be's got to do is

Given the Serbian troops' numerical and material superiority over their neighbors, one wonders why this objective wasn't achieved a year or two ago. The answer is that it is not in the interests of the involved heads of state.

Normally a bloodbath (especially if it is promoted to the status of war) is finite, which is to say it has a logical end at which the leader of a nation, or even a band of guerrillas, tries to arrive as speedily as possible. Then come reconstruction, free elections, a legislative process.

Now those, one imagines, are the worst nightmares of the beads of state in question, and that is what they strive to avoid through all available means. Imagine the carnage stopped and the dust settled. What are

we going to find in place of the former Yugoslavia, especially with the current men in charge still at large? A democratic republic? A monarchy? A tyranny? None of the above: a heap of rubble seething with barred, topped by a bunch of bemedaled strongmen unfit for any other job down the heap. By Joseph Brodsky

Hence, the slow but steady pace of carnage. Its continuation is these men's insurance.

What should and can be done, if anything, save direct military intervention in the region, for which America's expensive military, fully deployed to defend its sexual integrity, apparently has no stomach?

First, the "shoulds." The United States should immediately introduce and expedite a United Nation's resolution demanding the immediate establishment of a demilitarized zone on the territory of Bosnia

establishment of a demilitarized zone on the territory of Bosma and deployment of UN troops on the ground for this purpose. Then membership of the former Yugoslavia in the United Nations should be extinguished immediately. Its flag flies outside UN headquarters, legitimizing the Serbian leader's claim that he is the sole guarantor of Yugoslavia's integrity and that the bloodbath he unleashed is a constant acceptance. struggle against secessionists.
This membership also entitles Serbia to Yugoslavia's sub-

stantial foreign assets (approximately \$6 billion), which by now have virtually all been spent for the prosecution of Serbia's military campaign. Through the callousness or ne-glect of the United States and its European allies, this was

allowed to happen.

The remaining assets, as well as the property of the former Yugoslavia, should be immediately seized, its embassies, consular offices, airline and other administrative representations should be closed, given up for rent, and the proceeds should be diverted to relief programs.

Diplomatic recognition — in whatever form it currently

exists — of Serbia and Croatia should be withdrawn and not restored as long as the current heads of these states remain in power and as long as the territorial gains made in the course of

hostilities by any party are not relinquished.

The current heads of these states—Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and Franjo Tudiman of Croatia, as well as the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, Radovan Karadzic—should be immediately outlawed by the United Nations and treated scoonlingly for the duration of their relygical systemes. accordingly for the duration of their physical existence; particularly when bostilities cease.

Which is to say that they should be denied entry into the United States as well as all countries with which the United States maintains diplomatic relations, including Switzerland. Regardless of the outcome of the hostilities, Scrbia, the

Serbia, the unquestionable aggressor, should be obliged by UN resolution to carry the full burden of reparations.

unquestionable aggressor, should be obliged by UN resolu-tion to carry the full burden of reparations. Now, this is not much to ask from America's reasonably

expensive State Department. Because this would be just, it can be done unilaterally by the United States. Justice doesn't need a consensus; it's the other way around,

Even as shells and bullets fly overhead, the U.S. govern-ment can insure America's industrial and construction enterprises against losses if they move in considerable volume into the region under the protection of UN troops. The idea is to chinery into the ravaged parts and advertise for jobs paid in convertible currency — to create alternative employment.

The same can be suggested by the American government to the Europeans, who are, in fact, in a better position to execute this and in the light — the dark, rather — of the billowing wave of refugees, have a vested interest here. This also can be nearly forward by wave of the format by the format of the billowing that the format of the billowing the format of the billowing the format by the format of the billowing the bi

wave or rerugees, have a vesued microst user. This misd can be partly financed by using the former Yugoslavia's remaining assets in the respective European countries.

The main idea is that once the dust settles, both the United. States and the European countries will be asked to help in the region's reconstruction. By moving in now, the democratic

West may avoid paying up twice.

Also, the aforementioned assets can be diverted in the form of cash, to a bank opened in, say, Trieste or thereabouts, advertising the entitlement of every citizen in the farmer

ngoslavia to \$2,000 in cash.
All one would have to do to collect is to surrender one's

An ethical man does not need a consensus of his allies in order to act against something he finds reprehensible.

arms. That will not accomplish much hat may ensure a longer cease-fire than anything signed in Geneva.

The idea here is that of buying people out of the war, avarice may prove a better peacemaker than any virtue. Were it not so, the Europeans would still be settling their own—quantitatively far superior to the Balkans.—old scores.

The main thing for the West and for the United States in

The main thing for the West and for the United States in particular is not to go by the moronic agenda set forth by the thugs in Belgrade or Zagreb, the way the Vance-Owen team did: We should impose our own upon them.

For that, of course, we ought to have one.

The treatment of the matter by the U.S. administration, while politically expedient, is ethically scandalous. People in Bosnia are digging what they now call "Clinton graves." The man deserves this; his country doesn't.

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An ethical man does not need a consensus of his alices in order to act against something he finds reprehensible. And America is still theoretically an ethical country, judging at least by the verdict in the federal case of Rodney King's beating. What is taking place in the Balkans is much worse than the contents of the King tape and it takes place daily. It is called considerant in the state of the contents of the King tape and it takes place daily. It is called murder and it comes to you live.

Pailing to have our own agenda, failing to respond to the Balkan carnage either aggressively or imaginatively, we Americans at least should not allow our pundits to obscure the sight of burnan blood with their well-paid verbiage. When it comes to murder, it is better to feel ashamed and

mpotent than informed. impotent than informed.

In any case, we should bear in mind that all this needn't have happened. That once it began, it could have been stopped. The fact that it has not been stopped means that its.

continuation is to somebody's advantage.

We may ask, to whose! After all, ethical as we Americans are, we are also a country of the bottom line. It somebody who can stop a bloodbath doesn't do it, it means that he profits from it. I suggest three names: Milosevic, Karadzic, Tudjman. You

are free to make your own list.
You are also welcome to ponder whether the notion that.
America is an ethical country is a lic.

Mr. Brodsky, the poet, received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1987. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

Don't Give Totalitarian Beijing an Olympic Stamp of Approval

move construction and industrial companies with their ma-

W ASHINGTON — Totalitarian regimes do not lie for tempoments do on occasion. They lie to change the very concept of what truth is and to maintain control Such regimes do not learn facts and history. They create facts and history. Organized lying is a more essential tool to totalitarianism than is the

concentration camp.

That insight, offered by George Orwell in a penetrating essay on the Soviet Union half a century ago. should guide Central Intelligence Agency analysts and the International Olympic Committee in their separate tasks of assessing what is happening in China today. Both the spooks and the sportsmen are in danger of getting it badly wrong if they neglect the fact that China is still the world's most important totalitarian state

WASHINGTON - A few years

Despite all the talk in the

budget deficit still is more

a symbol of government's

failures than something

that people are willing to

should be levied only upon members

of those two groups. If they care about the deficit as much as they

claim to, surely they wouldn't mind.

1992 campaign, the

ago, the supply-side economist

By Jim Hoagland

The property of the state of the language of hardly needs to be realistled of that. But the question is raised by an enthusiastic report on economie growth in China presented to Congress by the agency last week. The report portrays the new China, growing at 13 percent a year, as Japan's economic

equal and a global powerhouse. Humility, if not prudence, should push the agency toward caution when predicting the coonomic future of totalitarian states. The CIA was stressing the eco

nomic growth rates of the Soviet Union and East Germany almost until those two Communist states imploded and disappeared from the map. The difficulty of obtaining valid statistics and interpreting trends in Communist-ruled country should

But the systematic faithre in Western bureaucracies to under stand the economic rot that undermined the Soviet empire involved more than bad statistics. In the West, many intelligence analysts, diplomats, academics and others came to accept the Soviet Union and East Germany as normal states — flawed by a lack of freedom, sure, but operating economics and societies that could be compared to their own. The assumption was that eco-nomic growth meant the same thing

across very differing systems. The experts forgot Orwell's warning that totalitarianism would produce an age of schizophrenia. He went on: "A society becomes totaliforce or fraud. Such a society, no matter how long it persists, can never afford to become either tolerant or intellectually stable."

That is a prophetic description of China today, written before the country became Communist. It is nonconsical to compare a country that stands on such an unsteady social and political base to democratic Japan's highly sophisticated, and deep-ly rooted imancial and manufacturing systems, as the CIA report does. That report takes too senously the agency's statistical assessment that China's gross domestic product is now equal to lapan's \$2.35 trillion.

Even in purely economic terms the notion of China as an economic giant that will soon surpass Japan

importance of the deficit. Fat chance

The dominant reaction among tradi-

tional deficit foes has been to criticize

While the president is out there get-

While the president is out increget-ing smashed up, the deficit junkies suiff that he has "failed to take on entitlements" and "doesn't ask enough from the middle class" and on and on. With friends like these, why not just

run the deficit up another several tril-

him for doing too little.

hased on short-term facts, of the early 1970s that Arab oil states would soon own much of America and dominate the world economy.

Much of the impressive amount of foreign investment pouring into Chi....

na today is hot money, seeking a temporary bome while the investment markets of Japan, Europe and the United States seem impromising. China says it harvested \$57.5 billion in foreign investment in 1992, three times the 1991 figure. But 85 percent of that money came from three sources: Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong, it was concentrated in textiles and other low-tech items like toys and shoes (the goods that form

the bulk of China's burgeoning trade surplus with the United States). This is low-wage manufacturing that is no longer profitable in Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong, It can be quickly moved to even lower wage areas such as Indochina as they open up. Economic competition, as well as political turmoil and galloping inflation, threaten the vision of an economically mighty China that Beijing's supporters and unques-

tioning analysis paint.
China's bid to host the Olympics in the year 2000 is an even more audacious effort to portray itself as a normal state - to use the international community to prove that the massacres of pro-democracy demonstrators in Beijing in June 1989 did not happen, or no longer matter. The Chinese Communists seek the Olympics as an international scal of approval for their continuing massive human rights abuses, not as an

opportunity to open up their system.
The International Olympic Committee, meeting in September to choose among Beijing, Sydney and four other contending cities, cannot allow itself to be oblivious to the cynical purpose of Communist rulers accustomed to manipulating history. The committee has a chance to tell the truth about China and avoid becoming part of a totalitarian lie told by a dying dictatorship.

The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Musical Dispersal

police drummers, to officiate whenever it became necessary to read the Riot Act, is officially contradicted. An arrangement has, it is believed, been made, by which a drummer and a bugler of the Republican Guard will be placed at the disposal of any magis-trate who is called upon to disperse a mob, and if they live up to their reputation there will be no excuse for those

1918: Troops to Siberia

TOKIO — The following is an extract of the Government's declara-tion, published Aug. 3: "In view of the German and Austro-Hungarian menace to the Czecho-Slovak troops in Siberia the Allies naturally feit that they could not look upon such a bad

The Japanese Government will inmediately proceed with the grouping of the forces necessary for the expedition. The Government reaffirms its policy of refraining from any intererence with Russian home affairs."

and radio indicated today [Aug. 4] that Premier Marshal Pietro Badogho's regime was binding Italy closer to the Axis and stiffening the will to fight on While Italian newspapers carried articles rejecting the Allied demand for unconditional surrender, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons that the Allies had offered no other peace terms. The Daily Mail reported from the Italian Frontier that Badoglio had forbidden Italians to listen to enemy radios. A decree announced heavy

I do not share Mr. Roberts's supply-side ideas - higher taxes on the wealthy don't bother me - but I have always thought that there was a point to his little dig: Deficit reduction has mostly been a concern of the elites. Rank-and-file voters think the deficit

do much about.

By E. J. Dionne Jr.

Let's See Who Cares About the U.S. Budget Deficit

Paul Craig Roberts was poking fun at the passionate advocates of deficit is bad, but worry more about immediate problems: jobs, schools, crime reduction, something he is still in the and health care, for starters. The battle over President Bill Clinton's deficit reduction plan. habit of doing. He argued that the only people who really cared about the deficit were journalists, especially editorial writers, and the heads of now mercifully close to a conclusion, has served to underscore that for all the talk in 1992 about how Therefore, he suggested helpfully, any taxes raised to close the deficit important the deficit had become to so many people, it is still more a

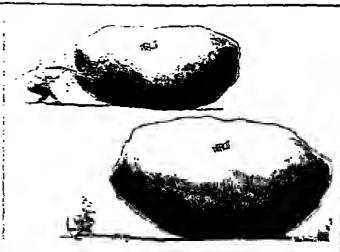
> than something that people are really willing to do much about That is why the president has had to struggle so hard on so many small issues, and also why he has had so

symbol of government's failures

little help from the people who claim to be "deficit hawks." Nothing is more revealing than the posture of Ross Perot, who got so much credit for putting the deficit issue front-and-center.

Mr. Perot has, in theory, endorsed larger tax increases and stiffer levies on the middle class than Mr. Clinton ever dreamed of proposing. Yet for the last six months he has resolutely refused to revise his old economic program and say specifically what he would do as an alternative to the Clinton plan. Instead he has had a wonderful time assailing Mr. Clinton's tax increases, endearing himself

to many Republicans. Again last Sunday on NBC television's "Meet the Press," Mr. Perot used his patented form of evasion to



avoid specifics. "If you would like it later. I will give it to you later," he said. But for Ross Perot, "later" never seems to come. Mr. Perot is maddening, but he is

not stupid. He knows, for example, that what drew voters to him was not anything specific about his deficit reduction plan but his ability to use the deficit as a symbol for all that is wrong in Washington He also knows that while voters dmired him for being willing to say he would raise taxes - that made him "honest" and "courageous" -

the taxes themselves were never pop-ular. If new anti-delicit taxes were what the people really wanted, Con-gress would have embraced Mr. Clinten's \$72 billion energy tax, instead of nickel-and-diming it down to a \$23 oillion gas tax. The performance of Senators Bob Dole and Pete Domenici is revealing. In the mid-1980s, they showed great courage on the deficit issue by pushing through the Senate what amounted to a real cut in future Social Security benefits. Two things then happened! Ronald Reagan sawed

off the limb onto which they had

climbed, arguing that Social Security cuts would never fly with the voters.

And Republicans lost control of the Senate in the 1986 elections. Boy, have Mr. Dole and Mr. Domenici learned their lesson. They are still willing to say sometimes that serious deficit reduction would require some new taxes. But that has not stopped them from striking a resolutely anti-tax, anti-Clinton-pose on the deficit plan. As a result, two men once reviled by the Republican right for their "green-eyeshade" deficit worries are, for now,

the toast of conservatism. Even the business clites whom Mr. Roberts skewered for being so deficit-obsessed have shown that other things (like their bottom lines) matter n lot more to them than the deficit. Thus has the National Association of Manufacturers fought Mr. Clinton on almost any taxes that

might affect its members. By taking on the deficit, Mr. Chinton hoped that he would at least get a nod from those "opinion-leaders" who are supposed to understand the

hion dollars more and at least get credit for passing new programs? This deficit light suggests that in fact a politician gets little credit for courage once spe-cifics are put on the table.

Which brings us back to Paul Craig Roberts's anni-deficit elites. If they

are serious about taking the deficit down, they had better go to work rounding up votes for the Clinton plan. Because if this plan loses, the lesson will be absolutely clear. Any Democrat who makes deficit reduc tion a central goal is a fool because he or she will be abandoned by the very forces who preach so earnestly that cutting the deficit is what "the people" so dearly want.

The Washington Post.

PARIS — The report that the Prefect of Police intended to enrol a band for

who do not hear the summons.

turn of the events with indifference. A number of their troops, therefore, have been ordered to Vizdivostok.

1943: Badoglio Defiant LONDON — [From our New York edition:] Italian declarations by press

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ERM, Trade: Who Treats Real People's Problems?

By William Platf

The trisis was not due simply to specula-tion. Speculators are the vultures of the fiscal marketplace—useful, nonetheless, in their way. The carrion upon which the speculators led was the determination of France and certain other countries to at-tack their currencies value to that of the Dentsche mark, at a time when the needs of Gesman economic policy directly con-Dentsche mark, at a time when the needs of German aconomic policy directly contradicted the policies appropriate to the situation of the other countries. This course was being pausued at the cost of extremely high and rising unemployment and consequent domestic social rension.

The speculators correctly assumed that this was not a sustainable policy course. That is why the markets will not be ensirely calm until unemployment beeins to drop

calm until memployment begins to drop in Western Europe and business activity picks up, allowing reasonable expectation that the worst European recession since the war can be brought to an end. That will come when interest rates come down and

more expansionist policies are adopted. in this affair, we see the same problem as in the controversy over protectionism. A commitment has been made to a theoretical proposition, plansible in itself, which in practice proves to penalize employment, working standards and the ob-vious well-being of the public. The theory claims that these difficulties are temporary, and that eventually working people and families — the voting public — will be much better off than before. But these eventual benefits fail to come.

DARIS — The currency storm which the new head of the GATT organization, Peter Sutherland, has criticized me on this page (Aug. 3) for columns that raised questions about certain arguments I have past weekend was one more grievous blow to European cooperation, caused by an arrogant assumption that governments can control economies, hence that they can made with respect to free trade. I am not a protectionist, but I see that the present consequences of trade competition include powerful pressures for lowered wages and the respect to free trade of the competition include powerful pressures for lowered wages and the respect to free trade of the consequences of trade competition include powerful pressures for lowered wages and the respect to free trade of the present consequences of trade competition include powerful pressures for lowered wages and the respect to free trade of the present consequences of trade of the present control of the pres depressed social standards in the advanced industrial countries.

People say that the eventual result of free trade will be greater efficiency with better jobs for all. My question is when?

Can it be convincingly argued that this will really happen, or that it will do so in a time frame relevant to people now in the labor market? The evidence is mixed.

Mr. Sutherland's arguments obviously Mr. Sutherland's arguments opviously have merit. But the social dimension of trade liberalization has in my experience consistently been neglected. Competitive industrial efficiency has tended to be sought in the most vulnerable area, which is that of wages and labor standards.

If managers can cut their wage bill by forcing wage and benefit reductions or longer hours onto a labor force terrified by unemployment, the nominal produc-tivity of their enterprise can be trans-formed in a flash. However, this is not true productivity increase; it is a way to disguise an actual loss of productivity. The society which practices this will eventually pay a price in international competitiveness, as well as in social peace.
What is industry and trade all about if it does not benefit the mass of people? We

are not in this simply for corporate profit. Should trade liberalization not have cer-tain social guarantees attached to it? The Western countries long ago imposed minimum labor standards inside their countries. Should GATT's effort not



include extending higher standards of protection to workers in the countries with which the West conducts free trade, rather than permit, indeed encourage, the reduction of Western standards to accommodate those of poor countries with weak governments and populations desperate to work under any conditions, however degrading?

I am aware of the arguments which say that all boats rise in generalized prosperity. But is this really true in time frames rele-

vant to people now alive?

The currency crisis in Europe reflects the oeed to make a comparable choice.

Unemployment and recession are the prinelsewhere in Western Europe the demands of carrency stability have been allowed to produce neglect of the social dimension of the present recession.

Again, the argument for strong and stable currencies has great merit. A regime of competitive devaluations in Europe or in the industrial conotries generally would simply hart everyone. But persistent and steadily rising unemploy-

ment hurts out "everyone" but specific cipal problems that Western Europe faces groups and families in society, denying today. Inflation was the challenge in the past, and is a threat in Germany today. But of social order itself. Governments which neglect this will eventually find themselves in difficuloes much greater than a currency crisis.

KAL WELLEND TES

It is perfectly true that economic and social orders are intimately linked. But io receot years we have neglected the one for the other. The time has come to take account of this.

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rect, however, leads to utter idiocy

when it is deemed "unacceptable"

that the revised Disney lyric contin-

ues to term the region "barbaric."

As anyone with a passing recollec-

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knows, the world described is, in-

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Arab world, every one of whose

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rule of law.

Dancing on the Grave Is Foolhardy Exercise

By Roy Denman

LONDON — The British are dancing on what they think is Europe's grave. Currency turbu-lence has forced a radical loosening of the Community's exchange-rate mechanism. A triumphant London headline proclaims, "I told you so claims Major," Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd says, "We were right all along." There are references to the "fading of the European dream."

The Euroskeptics are in full cry. It is not always easy for a Conti-nental to understand the passions roused in Britain by the Maastricht treaty. As a bewildered Leo Tindemans, a former Belgian prime min-ister, said after witnessing the last

MEANWHILE

debate in the House of Commons: Some of us want to move to an no one is forcing the British to join."
The essentials of the situation are these. For a single market to prosper it needs to avoid the disruption of currency fluctuations and competitive devaluations. A League of Nations report as long ago as the 1930s said: "For a customs union to exist, it is necessary to allow free movement of goods within the union. For a customs union to be a

reality, it is necessary to maintain free exchangeability of currency and stable exchange rates within the union. When there is free movement of goods, persons and capital in any area, diverse economic policies concerned with maintaining economic activity cannot be pursued. To assure uniformity of policy, some political mechanism is required." in other words, a customs union sets off a chain reaction. A single

market will lead to gradual but inexorable pressure from businessmen and traveling citizens to get rid of the expense, hassle and exchange rate risks of separate currencies. But a single currency means a single economic policy. This occus to be controlled not by nonelected bureaucrats but by elected politicians. This means a the aim of the European adventure when it started 43 years ago.

To argue that this is not possible in Europe because of different lan-guages and traditions is nonsense. Witness a farmer from Vermoot trying to communicate with a cabdriver in Alabama. Think back to Germany in 1914 when Bavarians and Prussians were as different as chalk and cheese yet were part of a formi-dable union. Switzerland happily manages with three cultures and three and a half languages.

Of course the movement to a sin-gle currency is bound to be slow and difficult. Different national histories will mean that giving up sover-eignty will be a multispeed affair. And there will be bumps on the way. The German decision to pay for unification by borrowing rather that taxation meant that there was bound to be pressure on interest rates and increasing discontent among some of Germany's partners in a closely linked monetary system. But this in time will blow over.

The difficulty with the Maas

tricht treaty goes deeper than that, and stems quite simply from its drafters having incompatible aims. The British were out occupied during the war, and suffer from an acute attack of sovereignty and 19th century illusions of grandeur, they are determined not to accept anything beyond a commercial arrange ment. The Danes just want to sell cheese and be left alone. The French want to keep 80 million Germans firmly in a European grouping. The Germans are determined not to dilute their currency by merging it with those of inflationary neighbors. Countoes like Italy have no hang-ups about federalism, but their

inclusion in a monetary union.
What will be the result? The current tiff between France and Germany should oot be overestimated These two remain the core of the Community. They resemble an old married couple who quarred occasionally but in their hearts know there is nowhere else for either of them to go. So some time in the next couple of years a start may well be made on a political and economic union with an inner core of France,

currencies could not at present stand

Germany and the Benefux countries One implication of this variable geometry does not seem to have been perceived in London. Britain, whether it likes it or oot, has substantial interests in the Community. It will not improve its ability to defend them if it is seen gloating from the sidelines every time its bolder oeighbors encounter a setfederation, which was defined as back in a venture which the British have refused to join.

This they will discover when they appeal to the French in December to rally to the European cause and agree to concessions to the Americans in the world trade talks. But French rancor against the Angloin general advisable to dance on what is thought to be someone's grave if reports of his death turn out to be greatly exaggerated and be is later coming up the road to see you. International Herald Tribune.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Focus on Migration

In response to "Migrants on the Move to Rich: Neighborhoods" (Opinion, May 7) by Jim Hoogland: Mr. Hoagland has it right: "Governments are slowly accept-ing that they must mold policies toward the Third World to pre-

vent sudden, disraptive populamore gradual migrations that create long-term economic and polit-

And they are beginning to examine how to do this — for example, at a conference in Madrid this year co-sponsored by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Canada and Spain, and the following months at a seminar in Warsaw sponsored by the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Both meetings bout on earlier important Work on these issues in other meetinational organizations such as the International Labor Organization, the UN High Commissioner for Refu-goes and the International Organization for Migration.

July's Group of Seven Tokyo summit meeting political declaration and the June OECD ministerial communique both referred to the importance of migration on the international agenda, G-7

faced with a student banner — a bedsheet unfurled — that read "Great Sex is better than Great Books." "Sure," retorts Bloom, "but you can't have one without the others."

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these was a civilization, that it need-

last book (he died in October 1992), is specifically a defense of the pow-erful ideas of love and friendship, which he calls "passions of the

leaders stressed the need to tackle the root causes of increased irreg-ular migration. The OECD minis-ters enjoined that organization to continue its analysis of migration trends and policies, including the interlinkages; between migration and such issues as development cooperation, international trade and private investment.

Moreover, it appears there may be a common ground for coopera-tion between the developing and developed world on the issue of migration. At the second prepara-tory meeting (New York, May 10-21) for the 1994 UN Conference on Population and Development slatest for Cairo in September 1994, there was a convergence of views among many countries on the need to address the causes of migration. As the delegate for Zambia, O.S. Musuka, pointed out: "As long de most populations fact" bleak futures in their countries of

sures to move out." His words echoed those of Sen-ator Timothy Wirth on behalf of the U.S. government: "The Cairo process should reaffirm the priority we place on improving the conditions that force people to move - impoverishment, persecution, and conflict."

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LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP such large projects he sounds both

By Allan Bloom. 509 pages. \$25. wise and supremely sane, and at the

that is based in poverty and perse- Serbs and Croats wanted to secode cution, and making the "stay" op-tion a viable one, is in everyone's best interest. It is critical to our long-term ability to manage migration in a way conducive to world peace and stability. A focus on prevention also reinforces and complements existing obligations under the Geneva Convention to afford protection to the world's

> V. PETER HARDER, Deputy Minister. Public Security Canada.

Demise of an Empire

Regarding "Revive Secular Citi-zenship Above Ethnic Nationality" (Opinion, July 20) by William Pfaff:

The Hapsburg empire was in a state of advanced decay well before commany united in 1871 and one catinot blame its demise on Bis-marck and crissia. The Holy Ro-man Empire was abolished in 1806 (before Bismarck was born) as a result of Napoléon's conquests, not as a result of Prussian aggression. In 1848 Hungary secoded from the German-speaking parts of the Ending involuntary migration Russian troops). Immediately the the first step of joining in a confed-

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from Hungary, and the Czechs in Hapsburg Bohemia agitated for independence until the Austrian emperor turned his heavy guns on Prague. When the Austro-Hungarian empire collapsed in 1918, no one was surprised.

As for Germans claiming the glories of Austrian culture, I always remind my students that Hitler was an Austrian and Becthoven was a German (as was Metternich). With all the other historical problems Germany has to face, there is oo point in bur-dening it with the sins of others.

> MARY LEE TOWNSEND. Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mideast Confederation Regarding "The Semitic Poten-

I admire that part of Paul Kol-lek's letter in which he raised the possibility of a federation of all Semitic peoples in the world regardless of religious differences. Why not indeed start it in the

Middle East? Perhaps Mr. Kollek, aided by his brother, the mayor of Hapsburg empire and returned to Jerusalem, could sell the idea first to the fold only after bitter and the Israeli public, political parties bloody battles (and the arrival of and government. They might take

cut off your ear if they don't like cration with a Palestinian state and Jordan, and climinate as a result all This desire to be politically corbarriers to the free movement of

ween the three states. The idea is not as Utopian as it scens. As a Muslim Arab, I would

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strongly support it. AMER A. BIN DAAER. Abu Dhabi.

A Storybook Matter Regarding "It's Akin to Barbar-ic" (Opinion, July 15):

The editorial is right to draw attention to and to decry the anti-Arab bigotry that still retains "an aura of respectability in the Unit-ed States," and in particular to criticize the Disney studio's film "Aladdin" for characterizing the Arab world as ooe "where they

a paragon of democracy, human rights, freedom of belief and the RAY LURIE

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By Alan Truscott mond eight. He was relieved to find that he had avoided an overruff, and made the remaining tricks by

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ciety from love to "good sex," which began the "de-eroticization

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arrived in seven diamonds. The two-diamond response to one diamond was strong and forcing, and most of the later bids were arrificial. The jump to seven clubs asked North to choose between seven diamonds and seven no-trump.

After a trump lead to the ten and jack, Bergen as declarer decided that his best chance for a 13th trick was a cheb ruff in his hand. He cashed the ace and quietn of clubs, led to the diamond queen, and ruffed the club ten with the dia west led the diamond two.

WHAT THEY BE READING

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"I think it is important that we in Europe open our minds to Africa, a great continent whose cultures are still largely unknown to us." (Ken Shubnan, 1HT)

could undo our new tendencies to sen texts, on the assumption that the see ourselves as simple, functioning organisms in societies where the ideal is to be different only in ways that have their own "liberation" campaigns. But he wanted to make the control of the campaigns. But he wanted to make us think, and in that he succeeds.

His readings start with Rousseau, whose belief in the possibility of love between individuals as a binding social power he points to as the begin-ning of Romantic idealism—a hab-it of mind, a philosophical range of tations of desire, as the embodibeliefs, a way of life and art that is ment of true Eros. now ended or ending. After his reading of Rousseau,

Bloom considers a clutch of great Romantic novels — or anti-romantic novels - that grew out of Rousseau's radical new vision of human mature. "The Red and the Black,"
"Pride and Prejudice," "Madame
Bovary," "Anna Karenina." All of
these but one are brilliant psychological studies of adultery, and adultery is centrally important be-cause the love between two people is the highest value there is; free choice of partners matters, and so does the solemnity of marriage, of childhesides of the contract of the

the ironic Austen accepts both the social structure of her world and the Rousseaucan imperative to find true union of minds, and she is able to make stable romantic comedy, psychological observations, within these constraints.

The section of the book that follows the great Romantics is about Shakespeare, and this order is illuminating, for Bloom can show how much freer, how much more vari-ous, how much wiser, Shakespeare was able to be in his time than even

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writers were more intelligent than he His last long section is a reading of Plato's "Symposium." It is clear why it is there — Bloom sees Pla-

to's Socrates, his desire for wisdom, There are wonders in this section

too - the stylistic analysis of the

speeches of the more foolish of the speakers, for instance. But it has also its longueurs, and makes Greek pederasty, naked gymnastics and the remote Platonic theory of Good and Beauty seem a not quite adequate setting for any final look adequate setting for our final look at the relations between thought and passion, men, women and societies, body and mind. And this in turn makes me impatient about some of Bloom's certainties. I share his anxieties about the cruelties, untruthfulnesses, intolerance and childbearing, of honesty.

The inclusion of "Pride and Prejudice" was a splendid decision, for human kindness that I find in some munan ammess that I find in some ways, being a child of my time, more acceptable than "high" Eros. He describes modern "science," himping it all together, as mechanistic, reductionist, inhumane.

But after weather the second of the second o But after recently reading the biologists, my sense of mystery, and complexity is restored, not destroyed. I do think we have to read E. O. Wilson as well as Plato if we

Tolstoy or Stendhal.

Throughout all these sections
Bloom succeeds in doing what he claimed he would do: read his cho-

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day night address appealing for support, "there is on more something for nothing."

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INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

Diversity-Training Lesson:

Beware of Good Intentions

By Kathleen Murray

New York Times Service

increase sensitivity among its store managers. As part of an exercise common in such sessions, the supervisors were asked to

group members.

"Women cry more," one said.

"Women don't have as much drive to get ahead," another

mention stereotypes they'd heard about women

EW YORK -- In 1988, Lucky Stores wanted to find out

why more women and minority-group employees were not being promoted. So the company held a workshop to

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most people because they wonder whether their company is next," said Jason Bram of the consumer research center of the Confer the party of the past decade at about half a ence Board, a business think tank. "We find percentage point in growth, which means a loss of perhaps \$25 hillion in annual output that politics has only a peripheral effect." Five-year projections of the real economy are just as risky as the overly precise projec-tions by congressional leaders that the next from what it would otherwise have been if deficits continued at the old rate.

Right now this drag is being offset by the decline of more than one percentage point since last fall's election in long-term borrowing

gage rates and automobile leans, helping to stimulate industrial investment, housing and auto sales. But interest rates are nearing bot-tom, while the deficit squeeze is programmed to continue for five years into the start of Mr.

ment spending and raising taxes can only serve as a drag on the U.S. economy. Virtually no Clinton's second term - if he wins one. forecaster sees output growing faster than 3 percent next year, and the consensus this year is for an increase of about 2.5 percent, which is That was the principal economic rationale for the administration's \$25 billion program to stimulate the economy by spending on jobs for youth, construction projects and other programs that Congress rejected earlier this also the government's forecast.

Analysis quantify the fiscal drag to pay for year as it picked up the an angry anti-govern-

ment mood raging in the nation.

One of the intellectual godfathers of that plan, Robert Solow of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, originally advocated a stimulus of \$60 billion to \$70 billion, much of it funneled to local governments with projects

ready to go.

"Right now, I would settle for \$25 billion," said Mr. Solow. "It is a good idea to strengthen the patient before you administer the bitter medicine on the deficit so that he will not be so weak when he gets it.

As for the boost from lower interest rates, he said they were more of a stabilizer than a stimulus because they came mainly from the weakness of the economy, and "interest rates alone are not enough to belp it get up and

But for the present, lower interest rates are all Mr. Clinton has, which explains why he

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Murdoch Hastens to Reassure Mahathir

By Kevin Murphy

By Lawrence Malkin

International Result Tribune
NEW YORK — As an exhausted U.S.

NEW YORK — As an exhausted U.S. Congress gropes toward a vote on President Bill Climton's deficit-entting plan Thursday, most of the program's immediate effects on the economy have already been felt in low interest rates and the knowledge that regaining national solvency is bound to be a drag on growth. The main imponderable lies in the minds of the American consumer and investor, and

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no one can predict that with any certainty. Specialists in consumer sentiment say the

than anything politicians do in Washington.
The current low interest rates, although beneficial to the economy, are a symptom of weak growth, not by themselves a cure.

"It's layoffs, layoffs, layoffs that matter to most people because that mendar whether

five years will mean \$496 billion less in feder-

al red ink. What matters to the economics

profession is that passage of the plan will

mal job outlook weighs far, more heavily

onal Herald Tribuni HONG KONG - Responding to criticism by the Malaysian prime minister, Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. scurried Wednesday to reassure Asians that its latest acmisi tion, the STAR-TV satellite television network, would not become a vehicle for outside interference in

The Sydney-based company also sought a meeting with the prime minister, Mahathir bin Mohamad. After agreeing last month to pay \$525 million for a 63.6 percent stake in Hutch Vision Ltd., the parent company of Hong Kong-based STAR-TV, which is the dominant satellite broadcaster in Asia, News Corp. is discovering that govern-sheat resistance to Western dond-nation of the mass media is on the

STAR-TV, whose five 24-hour channels can be seen in 38 countries, is at the center of a spirited competition among Western media and entertainment groups to devel-

foray into Asia.

tural sensitivity.

ties, the newly acquired broadcast where two-thirds of the world's poconcern confirmed Wednesday tential viewers live.

that its chief executive, Julian Among its major competitors is a consortium including Hong Kong's Televisioo Broadcasts Ltd., the Mounter, had resigned after Mr. Murdoch refused to allow the STAR-TV head to report to him American oews channel CNN International, the sports channel Both events signal a difficult start for News Corp,'s expensive ESPN Asia, the American movie channel Home Box Office and the Australian government-controlled entertainment channel ATVI. In a statement released from Los

Angeles, the worldwide broadcast-"We would not presume to ining, media and publishing compatrude into the domestic affairs of ny sought to reassure Asian gov-ernments and Mr. Mahathir, who on Tuesday lamented STAR-TV's sale to Western interests, of its culany country," the News Corp. statement said. "We intend to make STAR-TV a service which Asian families can enjoy in their homes and a service which governments in the region will find both friendly and useful," it said, adding that News Corp. was seeking an opportunity to address Mr. Ma-

hathir's "reservations," Mr. Mahathir's attack, which in-

cluded an accusation that Western oews organizations promoted un-rest in Asia, coincided with two percent on either side of a central other clashes between Western media and Asian governments.

Singapore this week told the Londoo-based newsmagazine The Economist that its circulatioo in that country would be capped at its current level of 7,500 and that the magazine would have to post a bood of 200,000 Singapore dollars (\$123,900), after The Economist apparently was oot quick enough in publishing a government reply to a letter from Singapore's best-known opposition politician.

In India, meanwhile, the government proposed a law restricting Western television broadcasts. Mr. Murdoch "is certainly going to have to move more carefully

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VW Board To Discuss López Case

WOLFSBURG, Germany

WOLFSBURG, Germany — Volleswagen AG called a special meeting of its supervisory board for Friday to discuss the furore over its production chief, José Ignacio López de Arnortúa, but the carmaker said his job was not in danger.

"A dismissal of Mr. López is

cartainly not to be expected," said Hans-Peter Blechinger, a VW spokesman. The meeting would be about "information

and discussion," and the su-pervisory board stood behind Mr. Lopez, he said.

Mr. Lopez is at the center of a dispute between Volkswagen and his former employer, Gen-

eral Motors Corp. GM has ac-

cused Mr. Lopez and seven em-

ployees who followed him to VW of stealing trade secrets.

Separately, Volkswagen said it would seek early retire-

ment for 3,000 workers, in addition to the 25,000 job cuts already planned by 1994. In June, the company said its original target would be insufficient.

(Reiders, AP)

manager volunteered.
"Black females are aggres- Programs that try to

sive," said a third.

The work force would not increase harmony often perform for a black female manbackfire. ager," a colleague added.

The idea was to expose potential prejudice and deal with it.

But to management's horror, notes from this session later turned up as evidence in a sex-discrimination lawsuit arguing that female employees were not being promoted by the grocery-store chain. The employees won the suit a year ago, in part because the court determined that some of the stereotypes mentioned at the sessions did amount to management bias.

"We hadn't known what went on in those meetings, but hearing them say this confirmed that's what they thought of us," said Diane Skillsky, a bookkeeper at Lucky's in Redwood City, California, who stands to share more than \$90 million in damages with about 20,000

The Lucky case is but one example, albeit an extreme one, of the potential pitfalls in corporate efforts to embrace "diversity training"—programs that are intended to foster harmony in increasingly diverse work forces.

Even at the most enlightened organizations, tackling issues such

Even at the most enlightened organizations, tackling issues such as race and gender can be a delicate undertaking.

Among the problems: confrontational trainers who accuse employees of bigotry or pit them against each other, resentment by employees who feel left out of the process, and a sense among many executives that training sessions alone are adequate.

Some corporate managers and diversity experts attribute the problems to the process of the field. Many of the current efforts in

problems to the newness of the field. Many of the current efforts in the United States to encourage employees from many cultures to work together effectively were inspired by a report from the Hudson Institute, a research organization, in 1987 predicting that

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Fed Survey Finds Slow Growth

WASHINGTON - The American economy con- year earlier.

tinued to expand slowly to moderately in June and the first half of July and was not threatened by flooding in the Midwest, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday. In its so-called Tan Book, a report it issues every six weeks, the U.S. central bank also said single-family home construction was strong in certain regions and

retail sales were up over much of the country. "Flooding inflicted considerable damage in parts of the Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and Minneapolis districts," the Fed's report said, "but the effects of

flooding were said to be highly concentrated and were not seen to threaten overall economic expansion in any district."

The report, based on surveys of business executives conducted last month by the 12 district banks of the changed from a year ago, but demand for mortgage Federal Reserve System, summarizes economic data

and compares current performance with activity a

The latest survey reported that single-family home construction continued to be a source of strength for many areas of the country.

It said retail sales grew in most districts, although the rate of increase varied widely. Car sales showed the strongest increase in most areas, it said.

Price pressures, always watched closely by the infla-tion-sensitive Fed, were said to be mixed in the markets for materials and finished products.

Manufacturing was sluggish in most regions, and most factories did not plan to expand employment for the rest of the year. Exports to Europe were weak, but sales to Third World nations were robust, it said. Business loan demand was reported to be un-

refinancing was strong.

Jaffré of Crédit Agricole Will Head Elf

PARIS - Philippe Jaffré was named chairman Wednesday of Elf Aquitaine, the world's 15th-largest oil company and France's largest state-owned industrial concern.

Mr. Jaffré, 48, the director-general of Credit Agricole, the country's largest bank, will have the task of guiding Elf Aquitaine through its proposed sale to private inves-tors in the next few months.

He succeeds Lolk Le Floch-Prigent, 49, who was named Tuesday as chairman of the state gas utility. Gaz de France.

The French cabinet Wednesday approved the moves, the first changes of top management at state-controlled companies by the conservative government of Prime Minister Edonard Balladur, which

Mr. Jaffre was a senior official in the Finance Ministry when Mr. Balladur was finance minister in 1986-88, and he worked on privati-

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Mr. Le Floch-Prigent, who had been president of Elf Aquitaine for four years, is a friend and ally of President François Mitterrand, whose Socialist Party was badly de-feated in the March elections.

Elf Aquitaine last year had conwas voted into power in March. solidated oet profit of 6.2 billion francs (\$1.04 billion), down 37 per-cent from 9.8 billion francs in 1991, as recession in Europe depressed its zation plans then.

France Avoids **Quick Rate Cut** After ERM Flap

By Barry James
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International Herald Tribune
PARIS — European governments and France in particular appeared determined Wednesday to avoid cutting interest rates too quickly or too deeply, despite the effective collapse this week of Enrope's exchange-rate system that had kept rates high.

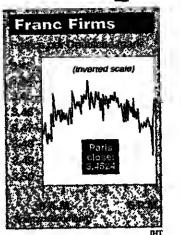
Amid rising political division about how to revive prosperity, the

French government stood tenaciously by its strong franc policy. Financial markets waited in vain

for signs of further significant cuts in interest rates, following a move downward by some countries earlier this week. Germany trimmed its short-term repurchase rate for the second time in two days, by 0.10 of a point to 6.70 percent, in what appeared to be a gesture of concili-ation to France and other members of the exchange-rate mechanism, but there was no sign that other countries were about to follow the Bundesbank's lead.

There were indications that France and other ERM governments view the weekend's currency crisis not as a fundamental change in European monetary policy but as a quick fix to release the pressure caused by speculators betting that the franc and other currencies would fall against the Deutsche mark. On Mooday, governments widened the margins by which cur-

rate, from 2.25 percent. "The French, Belgians and Danes all want to get their currencies so that they are not far away from the old bands and if possible within the old bands," Robert Thomas, head of research at NatWest Capital Markets, told Renters. Indeed, the Belgian franc



was trading on Wednesday within the old 2.25 percent margin.

Sir Leon Brittan, a vice president of the EC Commission, said in a radio interview that "there's an overwhelming desire, even though there's been a setback, to work towards monetary cooperation and the ulomate goal of mooetary

The widening of margins for all ERM members except Germany and the Netherlands gave France the option of cutting its interest rates. But if it does this, the franc's value might truthe meeting the value might tumble, upsetting the government's policy of keeping a strong currency closely tied to the Deutsche mark. Prime Minister Edouard Balladur earlier said he

would resign if the franc is devalued. Mr. Balladur told a cabinet meeting Wednesday that the country's economic policy "will be stamped with the seal of continuity," according to the government's spokesman Nicolas Sarkozy - an indication

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In Money Turmoil, U.S. Banks Gain

By Saul Hansell New York Times Service

NEW YORK --- As Europe's governments continue to wres-tle over the fate of the evermore-clusive dream of currency union their actions have an unintended beneficiary: American

In the second quarter, the five largest New York banks and BankAmerica Corp. of San Francisco reported combined revenues of \$2.2 billion from trading, a record. And if the volatile markets continue, the banks are positioned to best that record this quarter.

With profits shrinking from traditional corporate lending, the big banks saw trading as a way to cash in on the rapid growth of international investments by corporations, pensioo funds and mutual funds. So over the last few years,

banks have huilt vast trading desks around the world. Volatile markets, like those in

Europe last week, force investors to change their positions quickly to protect themselves against currency devaluations and interest-rate shifts - resulting in a flurry of profitable

trading for the banks.

Trading is the most profitable business banks have. Indeed, the six top American banks split profits of more than \$900 million for three mooths of trading activity, which represented more than 40 percent of their total profits, according to industry analysts. And the results were nearly as good for

most of last year. "It is a very rich market because there are lots of fundameotal shifts in the roarket tak-ing place, said Kelly Doherty, head of the global trading group at Bankers Trust, which ouw makes 80 percent of its profit from trading.

This money could not have come at a better time for banks. It is replenishing their capital,

The banks use trading to cash in on the growth of international investments.

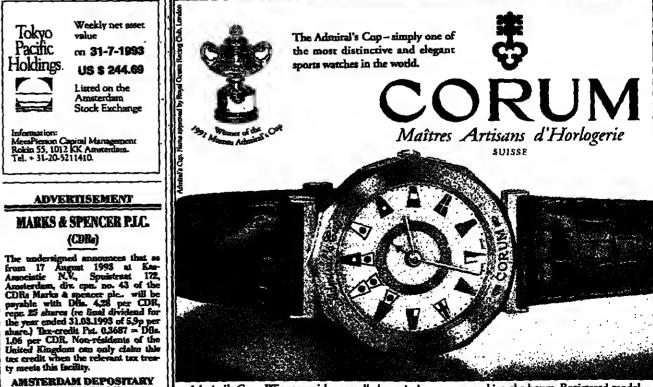
which had been depleted by waves of bad real estate loans. Moreover, the hanks see their success in trading as an important stepping stone in their efforts to compete with Wall Street, where trading is closely tied to the more lucrative un-

derwriting of securities. Yet many investors worry that, like other booms, the trading bubble will eventually burst when the markets calm down. Then the banks will have to keep paying for their huge trading rooms with the ever decling profits from their tradition-

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Dividends

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Over-thecounter stocks hit a record Wednesday, boosted by a rise in Intel, but the broad market showed little change, awaiting results of President Bill Clinton's deficit-cutting plan.

The Nasdaq composite over-the-counter average ended at 713.79, up 4.78 on the day, and above the re-cord close of 712.49 set July 14. But the Dow Jones industrial average was 9.22 points lower, at 3,552.05,

N.Y. Stocks

while advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a small margin on the New York Stock Exchange.

Merrill Lynch raised its earnings estimate for Intel to \$5.50 B share from \$5.35, sending the stock up 2 to 55. Intel is the second-largest Nas-daq issue, behind Microsoft, which was unchanged at 73.

Blue-chip stocks were held back by rising interest rates in the bond market. A report that Senator Den-nis DeConcini. Democrat of Arizona. said he was "leaning against" Mr. Clinton's deficit-cutting package, raised fears of a bond sell-off. The market beliwether, the 30-year Treasury bond, fell 13/32, to

107 15/32 where its yield was 6.55 percent, up from 6.52 Tuesday. Kmart was the most-active issue on the New York Stock Exchange.

considering the sale of its PayLess Drug Stores Northwest unit. Separaicly, Ladenburg Thalmann raised its rating on Kmart, saying investors could gain from three possible events: a breakup, carnings accet-

eration, or a management change. Hewlett-Packard slid 34 to 71 after Smith Barney Shearson cut its rating to "hold" from "buy" because of poor prospects for the electronics maker in Europe.

Lockheed slumped 4 to 621/2 after it said it would deliver only 150 F-16 warplanes next year, down from a projected 195 to 200 planes. The U.S. government is not allowing deliveries to Pakistan because of that country's nuclear activities.

Wang class B was the most-active American Stock Exchange issue, down 1/16 at 1/2 after a report it was unable to rent its three headquarters buildings and would turn them over to mortgage holders.

In other active Amex trading, Echo Bay feli % to 12% and Royal Oak lost % to 514. Although sentiment for precious metals remained bullish, dealers said there was less demand than some had expected after the failure of the European Monetary System's exchange-rate mechanism last week. The active December contract on the Commodity Exchange fell \$4.30, to (Bloomberg, \$403.30 an ounce. (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, UPI, Reuters)

Dearth of Rate Cuts Leaves Dollar Higher

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar made a slight recovery against the yen Wednesday but was otherwise little changed as the market sought to put Europe's currency turmoil behind it and look ahead to Friday's U.S. employment data. The dollar ended at 1.7068 Deutsche marks and 104.825 yen, com-pared with 1.7075 DM and 104.400

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yen Tuesday. Against the French currency, focus of last week's spec-ulation, the dollar fell to 5.9123

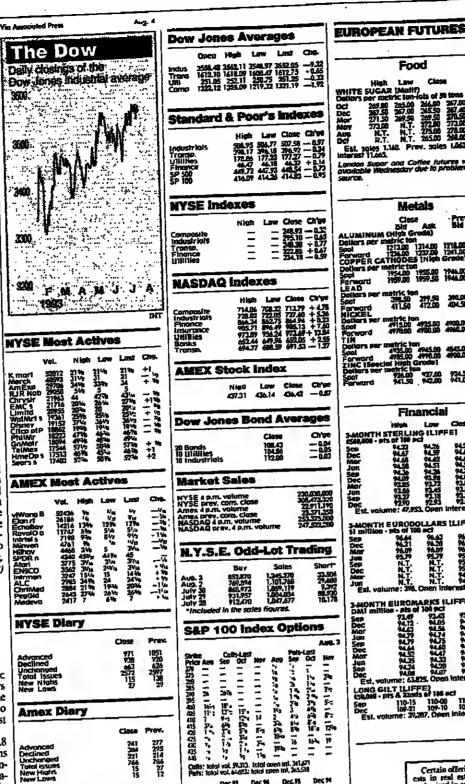
francs from 5.9352 francs. A dearth of interest-rate cuts in Europe after the European Monetary System's overhaul led to profit-taking in marks, indirectly boosting the dollar. The mark was also hit by a cut in the Buodesbank's repurchase agreement rate to 6.70 percent. Many market participants read that move as a harbinger of a cut this month in the discount rate,

Tan Book report on U.S. economic conditions offered little for dealers to act upon. The report said the American economy grew slowly to moderately in June and the first half of July.

A surprisingly strong gain of 0.8 percent in new-home completions in June also failed to make an impression, and the widening of Japan's trade surplus in June for the 27th consecutive month had al-ready been priced in dealers said. David Wilson, a dealer at Giro-Credit Bank, said speculation that

the Bank of Japan might cut its official discount rate in the near future may have been behind the dollar's slight rebound from this week's record low of 104.00 yen. But a dealer at Mitsubishi Bank, Steve Flanagan, said its upward move was simply a technical cor-rection after the market became sbort on dollars. He said the yen was likely to bounce back and test

103.75 yen to the dollar as a resistance level before moving on toward 100. francs from 1.5000 francs, but the pound edged up to \$1.5030 from \$1.4995.



WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve Board proposed rules Wednesday requiring banks to value most securities holdings at market prices when reporting their financial condition to regulators.

Accounting Standards Board required financial companies to value their securities at current prices, instead of their original cost.

The new accounting standards do not affect bank earnings but will be reflected in bank balance sheets. They mainly cover bond holdings, because banks hold relatively few equities. Banks planning to hold bonds because banks hold relatively few equities, because the process.

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REDMOND, Washington (Reuters) - Microsoft Corp., whose products helped simplify home computers for millions of consumers, took steps Wednesday to improve its prospects in the race to develop millimedia products, such as interactive television.

The company said it planned to acquire digital multimedia technology developed by Continuum Productions Corp., a startup company financed

by Microsoft's chairman, Bill Gates.

Microsoft's agreement with Continuum combines efforts already under way at Microsoft to tap into what is expected to be a new wave of high-technology growth. Mr. Gates has said Microsoft would invest heavily in multimedia over the coming years, although revenue prospects from the emerging field are far from certain.

Honeywell Plans South Africa Return

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) — Honeywell Inc. said Wednesday it had agreed to re-establish a South African subsidiary when Nelson Mandela's African National Congress invites foreign businesses to reinvest in the

racially torn country.

Honeywell, which pulled out of South Africa in 1986 amid worldwide. attempts to isolate the nation's white minority government, said it had signed an option agreement to purchase Martech, which currently distributes Honeywell systems and products in South Africa and other subseries required in the systems are producted in South Africa and other subseries are countries. It did not disclose financial terms of the option agreement, which runs through Nov. 1, 1996.

Late-July Auto Sales Declined 1.7%

NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) — Sales of cars built in the United States fell 1.7 percent to 243,768 units in the period from July 21 to 31, the industry reported Wednesday.

Sales of all domestically produced vehicles, including trucks, rose 8.2 percent to 428,207 units. General Motors Corp. had the largest sales with its total rising 3 percent to 166,991 vehicles, while Ford Motor Co. was next with sales up 6.2 percent to 126,585.

New Guidelines Set for Bond Dealers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The body that makes rules for the U.S. municipal-bond market proposed Tuesday ways to alleviate growing concerns about the effect of political contributions on the integrity of the

51.2 trillion market.

The Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board proposed that dealers be required to disclose any political contributions made to the issuers of municipal securities for four years, including two years prior to any dealings and two years afterward. Dealers also would be barred from the property of th making contributions to issuers to obtain business. Board officials acknowledged that it might be difficult for dealers to prove their intentions when they give money.

Kmart Says It May Sell PayLess Unit

TROY, Michigan (AP) — Kmart Corp. said Wednesday it was exploring the possibility of selling its PayLess drugstore unit. A published report had said the retailer hoped to get as much as \$1 billion for it.

Kmart said it was working with Merrill Lynch & Co., which is reportedly arranging an auction for PayLess, but a Kmart spokeswoman declined to say how much Kmart expected to say from a sale or whether declined to say how much Kmart expected to get from a sale or whether an auction for the drugstore chain was planned.

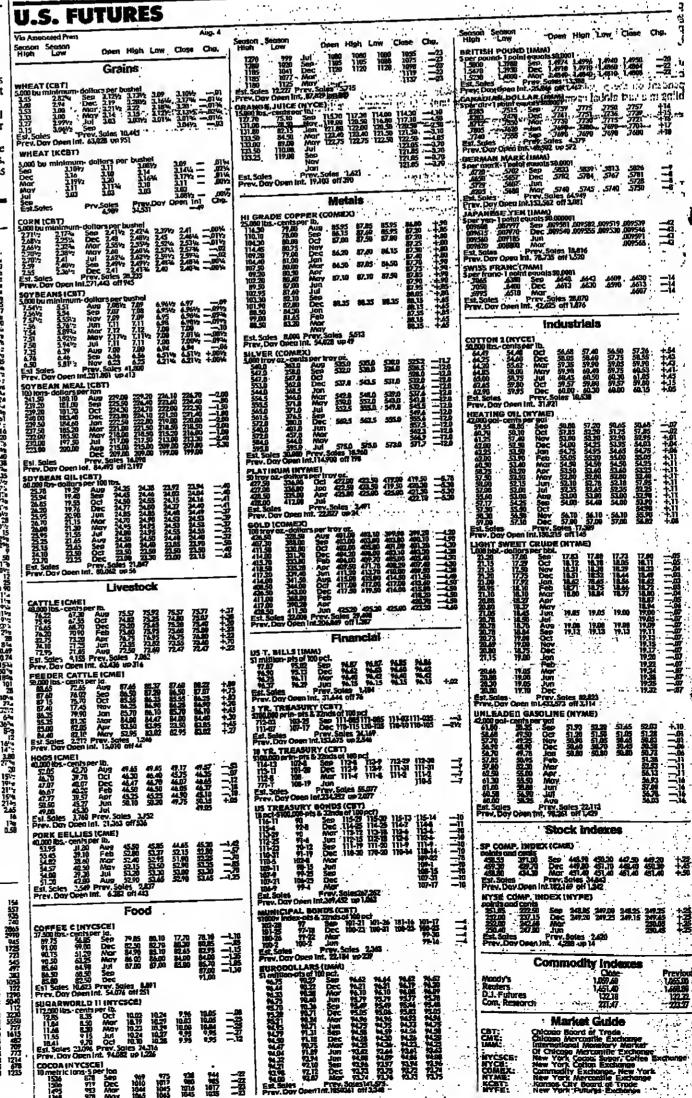
For the Record

The U.S. International Trade Commission has been asked by major I U.S. steel companies to reverse a vote that found they were not being injured by imports of hot-rolled and some cold-rolled imported steel

Sprint Corp., a major U.S. provider of long-distance services, said it would invest \$48 million in Call-Net Enterprises Inc. of Canada. (UPI) USX Corp.'s investment-grade debt plunged 3 1/2 points Wednesday, traders said, on news that Standard & Poor's Corp. may downgrade its ratings on about \$8 billion of the company's securities. (Knight-Ridder)

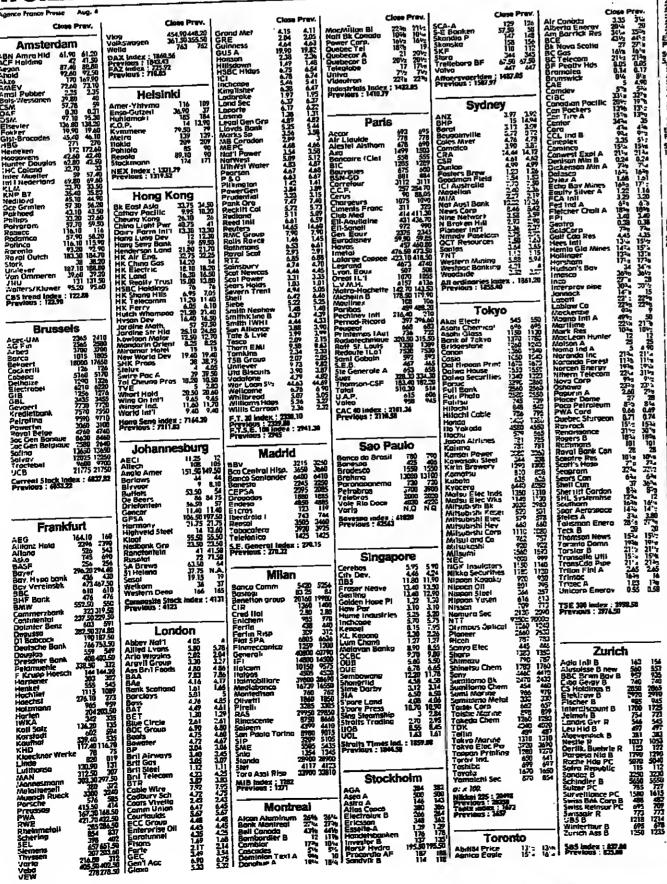
Shift on Banks' Securities

Bank regulators are developing new reporting rules after the Financial



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The Exodus From the Ruble Zone Russia Encourages Other Republics to Mint Money

By Richard Boudreaux

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MOSCOW — Across a broken empire once mied by Communists and their rubles, new currencies are emerging as symbols of sovereignty and faith in the free market. For ex-Soviet republics, the act of leaving what is now Russia's "ruble zone" is a rite of passage. a flight into the unknown.

Nearly two years after the Soviet Union collapsed, five of the 14 newly independent states on Russia's perimeter have launched their own currencies - Ukraine, the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, and the Central Asian republic of Kyrgyzstan with mixed results.

Their colorful array of bills - karbovanets, kroons, lats, litas and soms; emblazoned with national emblems and portraits of un-sung heroes — is a vivid sign of the disintegration of a region whose economies are still closely linked.

Last month, Moscow sped up this process by invalidating all ruble hills printed before 1993 for Russia and the nine other countries still using them. This was meant, in part, to seal off Russia from ruble inflation created

by its neighbors. The abrupt measure, which created turmoil in banks and marketplaces throughout most of the former Soviet Union, in effect gives Russia its own exclusive currency. It will force the other ruble nations either to launch their own currencies or to adopt the new Russian ruble along with increasingly strin-

gent monetary policies dictated by the central bank in Moscow.

"The old ruble zone ended its existence on July 26," Andrei I. Kazmin, Russia's deputy finance minister, said in an interview. situation that existed before then could not have lasted forever."

Since then, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Turkmenistan have announced plans to join those countries that have dropped the ruble and to mint their own currencies. The rest now face a choice between shaky financial independence and the mixed blessing of freer trade with Russia, along with its

relatively high inflation.

Both options are bleak. Living standards have fallen in all 15 ex-Soviet republics over the last two years, and popular cynicism over the benefits of freedom has rubbed off on the ruble and its substitutes. Georgia's temporary coupons, for example, are dubbed fan-

tiki, or candy wrappers. Ukraine and the Baltics made early decisions to mint their own money largely to abolish the ruble as a hated token of Moscow's "occupation." Latvia's lats went into circulation ahead of schedule in part to boost the government's patriotic image before pariamentary elections in June.

Estonia and Latvia, along with Kyrgyz-stan, also ditched the ruble in order to protect their free-market reforms and strict monetary discipline from ruble inflation, which runs as

high as 20 percent a month in Russia.

Ukraine, on the other hand, staked out the freedom to run a looser monetary policy than

Russia's. Battered by runaway public spend ing. Ukraine's karbovanets quickly gained infamy as a unit even weaker than the ruble.

Until last week, staying in the ruble zone offered each member state an incentive to ontspend the others and stick them with part of the bill. They simply bought goods elsewhere, mostly in Russia, and issued new ruble credits to pay. The resulting inflation spread across the entire zone.

Russia, with a trade surplus in the ruble zone, was the big loser in that game. Officials estimate that it transferred \$17 billion in what amounts to trade subsidies to neighboring republics last year — as much as Russia

received in Western aid. That generosity is over. Even before last week's currency coup, Moscow had been raising ruble-zone prices for its oil.

Russia's hard line is now backed by the International Monetary Pund, which a year ago had warned Estonia and Latvia against the "economic suicide" of pulling out.

Estonia's defiance paid off. Its leaders pegged the kroon to the Deutsche mark and tightened spending. Monthly inflation, 18 percent a year ago, is now about 3 percent, making the kroon the strongest currency in the former Soviet Union. Finland bas replaced Russia as the chief market for Estonia's exports.

Latvia followed suit and floated its lat, with similar results. The IMF now requires ex-Soviet republics to have an independent currency before lending them money.

Sabena Struggles For Its Life After Pay Pact Is Rejected

BRUSSELS - The chairman of Sabena tendered his resignation Wednesday after the airline's personnel rejected a wage pact aimed at staving off the collapse of the Belgian state-controlled ariline.

Mr. Godfroid's resignation came at an emergency board meeting called after the vote, a board member. Jan Huyghebaert, inld Belgian television. He said the board bad asked Mr. Godfroid to suspend his decision for 15 days, and that the executive had accepted.

Late Tuesday, 56 percent of Sa bena employees rejected a toneddown rescue plan, which included pay cuts of up to 15 percent. The plan was aimed at raising 5 billion francs (\$145 million) in savings over three years following heavy losses in the first half of the year. Sabena, like many airlines, has

been hard-hit by the recession and a price war. Sabena further blamed the shortfall on currency devaluations and political upheaval in Central Africa, one of the carrier's key

Sabena's management had al-ready compromised over the costcutting package under union pressure. Following the announcement July 13 that it was targeting wage

cuts of two billion francs (\$57 million) among its 9,000 workers, it lowered the total to 1.1 billion francs. The workers rejected that number, too.

Previously, the company had warned that rejection could throw the company inin bankruptcy. The restructuring plan is aimed at helping offset a 1.5 billion franc loss expected for the first six months of the year. A number of reports forecast that the group would make a loss of up to 6 billion

francs for the full year. Apart from the wage cuts, the plan further included 1 billion francs in savings from increased labor flexibility and 2 billion in savings from increased international cooperation with other airlines. Sabena also aims in have a more

flexible work force to adapt to changes in timetables. The changes should enable Sabena to generate revenue without baving to lay off part of its work force.

Sabena also plans to generate income by optimizing its role as a European and intercontinental bub. Among the measures foreseen are increased route sharing and reorganization of flights and staff round the peak demand times.

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Very briefly:

 Britain's housing starts fell to 44,300 in the second quarter from 47,200 in the first period but were up from 39,700 in the 1992 second quarier. • West German manufacturing orders fell a preliminary 1.7 percent in volume in June from May and were down 1.9 percent in value.

Commerzbank AG said it bought the remaining 35 percent stake in Commerz-Credit-Bank AG Europartner from Credit Lyonnais of France. Akzo NV said second-quarter net income slumped 30 percent from e Aszu IVV Shu Second-quarter ter intende shunger services restated year-earlier levels to 152 million guilders (\$79.2 million).

• British Telecommunications PLC said it had signed agreements with 7. American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and Alcatel NV to buy new-

generation telephone-switching equipment. Greece backed down from plans to sell off 35 percent of Hellenic Telecommunications Co. after members of Prime Minister Constantine

Mitsotakis's own party threatened to vote against the proposal. • Turkish consumer prices jumped 73.1 percent in the 12 months ended in July. Economists said they expected the figure for all of 1993 to exceed

FRANCE: Paris Disappoints Market by Failing to Lower Interest Rates minister who defended the franc in

BANKS: U.S. Financial Institutions Do Well Out of Currency Turmoil

Continued from Page 9 that interest rates for now will remain at or close to their present high level, despite a stagnant economy and high unemployment.

"Nothing that has happened should lead one to believe that France needs less discipline in the financial arena or less monetary stability," Mr. Sarkozy quoted the prime minister as saying. After a Prench-German meeting in Paris on Tuesday, officials emphasized Those supporting the strong franc

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Jacques Chirac, who has called for a cut in interest rates. The issue of interest-rate cuts has important political as well as economic ramifications in France, campaign against the accord.

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two earlier crises, said in an interview with Liberation that the fact that many politicians on the right had sounded so lukewarm about Politicians urging an immediate defending the franc had helped un-

Mr. Sarkozy said that Mr. Balladur and President François Mitterrand agreed that turmoil on the exchange markets was caused by

the Bundesbank's refusal to cut its Michel Sapin, a former finance discount rate last week.

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Midland Earnings Soar Despite Problem Loans

LONDON — Midland Bank PLC reported Wednesday a more-than-sixfold rise in profit for the first half, but its chief executive said had debts were a problem as the British economy struggled to recover from

recession. Midland's pretax profit was £385 million (\$577.3 million). up from £60 million in the similar 1992 period.

The charge for bad debts rose 12 percent, to £321 million, Brian Pearse, the chief executive, said the bank had been hit by problem corporate loans in Britain in the first half.

"There is definitely a lot more confidence about, but people are hesitating a bit be-

fore they take major steps in business expansion and capital expenditure." Mr. Pearse said.

Midland, which was acquired last year by HSBC Holdings PLC, the parent of Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corp. said costs rose 9 percent in the half year, to £1.04 billion. Mr. Pearse said this was the result of absorbing Hongkong & Shang-hai employees into Midland,

Nonetheless, Midland reduced its cost-to-income ratio, a measure of a bank's efficiency. to 61.4 percent from 73.3.

Profit at Midland Global Markets, a merger of Midland's and Hongkong & Shanghai's capital-markets operations "rose strongly" in the first half, but ligures were not provided.

Two British Thrifts to Merge

Bloomberg Business News LONDON - Two of Britain's major thrifts, the Leeds Permanent Building Society and the National & Provincial Building Society, will merge to create Britain's third-largest thrift with combined assets of more than £30 billion (\$45 billion), it was announced Wednesday.

last year's 66 percent.

Union officials, however, were concerned the merger would lead to the loss of up to 1,600 jobs.

ies in Britain and the likelihood of mass redundancies," said Noel Howell, spokesman for the Banking Insurance and Finance Union. We're on the road in far fewer building societies, which is the same road that the banks have gone, which has produced six high-street banks compared with about twenty 50 years ago." Mr. Howell said. Leeds, which bas assets of £19.4

billion, and National & Provincial, with assets of £12 billion, collec-"We're extremely concerned about the future of building societ-

This very success raises the question of whether the fate of the by an active bank will lose money, sometimes a large amount.

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Zhu Vows To Defend Yuan Rate

Compiled by Our, Staff From Disputcher
SHANGHAI — Vice. Premier
Zhu Rongji said Benjing was determined to defend the yuan's current exchange rate and vowed to smash the currency black market, official

newspapers reported Wednesday.
Mr. Zhu, who has made correctly stability a correspond of his efforts to rein m inflation since he became China's most important economic policymaker, said the exchange rate in the foreign exchange swap markets of around 8.8 ynan to the dollar was reasonable.

The year slipped to 8.8894 to the dollar Wednesday from 8.8872 on Monday at the National Foreign

Exchange Swap Market in Beijing. After Mr. Zhu became governor of the People's Bank of China in July, he ordered massive intervention in Shanghai's swap market to strengthen the yuan. Brokers said the central bank pumped several hundred million dollars into the market to batter speculators and lift the year from a low of almost

I to the dollar. At the same time, the government started tightening controls over the Shanghai swap market to make it more difficult for Chinese enterprises to buy dollars and encourage companies with hard-currency reserves to dump them.

Shanghai has the largest of China's swap markets. On these mar-kets, businesses trade hard currency at rates that come closer to reflecting supply and demand than the official rate of about 5.7 years to the dollar.

Separately, the State Information Center's forecasting depart-ment predicted that retail-price inflation in China would run at a 13 percent annual rate in the second half of this year, compared with 10.5 percent in the first half. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AP)

Shopping Across the Strait Taiwan to Buy More Goods From China

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
TAIPEI Taiwan may double the number of

items that can be imported from China to benefit from its less expensive labor, trade officials said on

Wednesday.

Approved imports — which are generally cheaper than local products — of farm produce, semi-finished goods, industrial materials and minerals currently total 622 items, said a Board of Foreign Trade official, Thomas Chueng.

But the board will soon amounce 83 more items, and the number will be increased to 1,550 by the end of the year, the trade officials said.

Following Prime Minister Lien Chan's instruction to expland imports of such items to lower the

tion to expand imports of such items to lower the production costs of Taiwan manufacturers, the foreign trade board asked relevant government mints and business associations to propose the bigger import list before Ang. 15.

"We will come up with a new list of imports to be allowed from mainland China in September."

Mr. Chung said in an interview.

economic package unveiled by the Council for Economic Planning and Development in June in a bid to spur the slumping Taiwan economy and beef up investment incentives. The council, the island's top economic think-tank, also suggested the government study the feasibility of increasing labor imports from China and recruiting more mainland scientists and technicians.

Indirect trade between Taiwan and China in the first live months of 1993 increased 22.49 percent from a year earlier, to \$3.39 billion.

President Lee Teng-bui has cautioned local business executives to be more careful in their invest-ment decisions in China, avoiding too great an exposure to that country.

Taiwan investment in China has accumulated to about \$9 hillion since the late 1980s, when tensions eased on both sides of the Taiwan Strait.

The ruling Knomintang of Taiwan, the party that was driven off the mainland by the communists in 1949, has banned direct contacts across the

The liberalization is part of a comprehensive China Assails U.S. Export Ban

BEIJING — China's leading satellite maker on Wednesday attacked the United States' restrictions on exporting space technology to Beijing as unfair, inci-

fective and foolish. Oi Faren, head of the state-owned Chinese Acade-

my of Satellite Technology, also accused some Academy of Satellite Technology, also accused some American manufacturers of harming China's space business by refusing to self certain advanced equipment.

A brash space industry newcomer, China offers companies cut-rate launches atop its Long March rockets and is making telecommunications satellites it hopes soon to sell abroad at prices well below those of Western market leaders.

Last week, China's state launching company con-tracted with Motorola Inc. of the United States to put several satellites into orbit for it between 1996 and 2002. But the Chinese program has had an uneven record. In December 1992, a satellite owned by Optus Communications of Australia was lost in space. China blamed the satellite, not its rocket.

Mr. Qi aimed his anger Wednesday at former President George Bush, who left office in January but whose ban on exporting American military technology to China remains in effect.

"Frankly, I think in this respect the United States is trade in goods very foolish," Mr. Qi said, "They should know that things we can't buy in the United States we can always "Import growing concounts."

Washington banned U.S. military exports to China after the military crackdown in 1989 that crushed China's pro-democracy protests with great loss of life. In addition, Mr. Bush specifically restricted satellite-related exports in June 1991 to punish China for its alleged sales of advanced missile technologies to Pakistan, Iran and North Korea in violation of the Missile Technology Control Regime treaty.

Mr. Qi dismissed as unreasonable Washington's

argument that China's civilian satellites are subject to the export ban because they have military uses. He ministry's calculations, the currentsaid Beijing's satellite makers should not be held account surplus in yen terms responsible for the way customers use their product. shrank to 1.15 trillion yen in June

Japan's Surplus **Grew to Record** In the First Half

TOKYO — Japan's current-ac-count surplus, the broadest measure of trade flows, grew 13.5 percent in said they expected the higher ven to June to \$10.7 billion, bringing the take a toll on exports and reduce imbalance for the first half to a the surplus by mid-1994. record \$67.5 billion, the Finance

Ministry announced Wednesday. Economists added that Japan's weak recovery and firmer yen would make the years-long effort by the United States and others to shrink its current-account surplus

more difficult than ever. Showing Japan's trading partners some progress in reducing the surplus will be perhaps the biggest international challenge facing the new coalition government when it is formed this week, ending 38 years of domination by the Liberal Democratic Party.

The first-half surplus, which was not seasonally adjusted, was 19.8 percent wider than the \$56.37 bilion surplus posted in the first half of 1992 and made it probable that this year's surplus would exceed last year's record of \$117.55 billion. The current account measures trade in goods, services and other

"Import growth has been and will cononue to be subdued by a moribund economic recovery. while exports in dollar terms will remain at high levels because of the yen's appreciation," said Tassushi Shikano, an economist at Yamaichi Research Institute.

A Finance Ministry official said the dollar amount of the surplus had been inflated by the yen's rapid rise this year. According to the

Many Japanese economists agreed with the ministry's view and

The surplus will peak in the July-September quarier, but this year's figures will reach a record high without question," said Nobuyuki Saji, senior economist at Nikko Research Center.

But, some analysis said, if the yen continues to rise, the surplus would continue to swell in dollar terms, and the high yen could smother a domestic economic re-

covery and inhibit imports. (AFP. Reuters, Bloomberg, AP)

A Resin Hunt By Sumitomo

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - Sumitomo Chemical Corp. said Wednesday it had asked Dow Chemical Co. to resume production of epoxy resin, used to make the casings of computer chips, after an explosion last month

shut the world's main factory. Analysts said it could take a year to reopen the plant but Sumitono has lined up companies in Japan and Taiwan to supply up to 60 percent of its production, which accounted

Dow said it would only reopen its factory, closed in 1991. if it could presell five years' production. (AP. Reuters)

for 60 percent of the market.

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Investor's Asia

Hong Kong

Very briefly:

 Britain and China dashed hopes of a breakthrough on funding Hong Kong's new airport project, saying more talks were needed.

 Nippon Mining & Metals Co., Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co. and MIM Holdings Ltd. decided to postpone a joint venture to construct a new zinc smelter in Japan and cited the rise of the yen and low zinc prices as major. considerations for the decision.

 New Zealand posted a record halance-of-payments surplus of 519 million New Zealand dollars (\$286.40) in the first quarter, reflecting lower imports and rising tourism, after recording a deficit of 854 million dollars in the previous quarter.

China will issue yen-denominated bonds in Europe later this year, the official China Daily said. The report said it would be the government's first issue of foreign-currency bonds in Europe since 1987.

 Hyundai Motor Co. has signed a deal to make cars in Dalien, China, the China Daily reported.

 Indonesia's inflation rate for the first seven months of 1993 climbed to. 7.64 percent, from 3.26 percent a year ago. The government also said that the country recorded a trade surplus equivalent to \$923.4 million in May, up from \$722.8 million in April.

DIVERSITY: Sensitivity Training Can Backfire

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by the year 2000, nearly two-thirds of the American work force would be made up of people other than

training session for a group of faculty members and administrators. The consultant opened by telling them they were all racists. Some employees walked out; others were extremely upset. "In the end it soured

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everyone on doing diversity training," said Courtland But some employers and consultants say that for diversity programs to work, they must cause discom-

fort. "Changing a culture is never easy," said Nathan-iei R. Thompkins, diversity manager at Baxter Health-care Corp. in Deerfield, Illinois,

white inales.

Mr. Thompkins says he might start a workshop by
The smartest companies, the report said, will attract
and manage diverse talent. By 1991, three quarters of
the companies surveyed by the Towers Perim consulting firm had diversity programs.

The number of people and groups in the country
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The might start a workshop by
then asking a group of Bazuer employees to stand in line,
then asking anyone who had never had a racist
thought to step to the left. Those who have — usually
the majority, if not the whole group — are asked to
step to the right. The discussion proceeds from there. the companies surveyed by the Towers remu construction from had diversity programs.

The number of people and groups in the country specializing in work-force diversity has more than quadrupled since 1990, according to the American tions like "Why are you afraid of black people?" to society for Training and Development in Alexandria, other groups.

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But sometimes, their allosts have backfired by implicing up negative stereotypes that later get widely bringing up negative stereotypes that later get widely circulated, as in the Locky Stores case, or in other control of differences.

Instead of pitting minority-group employees against whites or men against women, for example, First Interstate Bank in Los Angeles, focuses on the "in" group and the "out" group. There are things other than race or gender that can make employees feel excluded, said Richard Wyler, an assistant vice presi-dent with the bank, such as "who management has hunch with," or who is on the list for all the memos.

DEFICIT: Benefits of Cut Are Already Played Out

Continued from Page 9 pleaded publicly with the Federal Reserve Board this week oot to tighten its grip on credit even as growth picks up. What we're trying to do by bringing the delicit down is to justify keeping interest rates down even when there's economic growth," the president told editorial writers in seeking support for his eco-

The bond market, of course, is thriving in this low-interest climate, and passage of a credible budget package may bring rates down further but not much, according to Sam Kahan of Faji Securities in Chicago. He added: "Everybody is looking for dramatic moves, but it won't happen that way. The economy is in what I call a Midwestern trot. It took us the best part of a

decade to polish up the Rust Belt." But Mr. Clinton is merely doing what governments in Europe are doing in betting on lower interest rates. although be is leading the United States through the cycle first. "Nobody has thought this problem through on a global scale," lamented Gerard Vila, chief economist of the WEFA group.

None of this is good political news for the president, which helps explain the implacable opposition to the deficit plan by Republicans in Congress. "There is nothing in here to help with growth for the 1996 again Tuesday night, all cost money.

elections, and nothing to help the blue-collar workers who have been hurt by international competition. Those are the Reagan Democrats that Clinton won over with promises of health care and other reforms," said Joseph White, a government finance specialist at the Brookings Institution in Washington.

The stage is thus set for a soft economy in the runup to the congressional elections in 1994, making it easy for Republican candidates to say "I told you so" and keep their distance from what Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, warned in a televised response to the president would be the "biggest tax increase in the history of the world."

Even Ronald Reagan came out of retirement with a oewspaper article selling his old supply-side nostrum of lower taxes and smaller government as the best incentive for economic growth.

How will Mr. Clinton get rid of the tax-and-spend label? "He's stuck with it," said David Munro of High Frequency Economics, a former White House

STAR: Reassurance by Murdoch

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than he does in Europe and the United States, where he is operating in his own Western culture." Brian Jeffries, editor of Asia Pacific Space Report, told Bloomberg

"But I don't think he is stupid enough to tread roughshod over the naturalized American citizen.

Because Malaysia bans individuals from owning satellite receiving dishes, STAR-TV and other international broadcasts are not received in Malaysia. STAR-TV expecis that restriction to be eased to allow its programs to be seen in Malaysian hotels, however.

But Mr. Mahathir's attack and a drop in staff morale at STAR-TV staff morale at STAR-TV staff morale at STAR-TV executives close to brought on by Mr. Mounter's hasty exit could complicate News Corp.'s report directly to Mr. Murdoch.

tasks of dealing with program suppliers and establishing a subscription viewing business,

"I wouldn't be very surprised if some people decided their career path no longer included coming to Hutchison House every day," one employee who requested anonymity said, referring to STAR-TV's sensitivities of the countries in-volved." Mr. Jeffries said. Mr. Murdoch, a native of Australia, is a glomerate. Hutchisoo Whampoa offices in the headquarters building and the family of its chairman, 15 Ka-shing, retained a 36.4 percent stake in STAR-TV.

"My departure will do no harmi to the company," said Mr. Mounter, who would not disclose the severance terms in his contract or whether he had accepted a job with a rival media group. "I'm sure STAR-TV will go ahead as before."

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SPORTS BASKETBALL

For French Teen, a Chance to Play in Webber-Land

International Herald Tribune VERSAILLES, France - This is about a French teenager, Olivier Saint-Jean, and how he came to be recruited by an American basketball power, the University of Michigan. He says it all goes back to soc-

"It was really too cold in the winter, I mean really," he says, "That was the main reason why I stopped playing soccer. I said, 'Get me indoors.'

About the same time, be was watching his first college basketball game, a video-tape of the University of Houston, circa 1983. That was the "Phi Slamma Jamma" group of Clyde Drexler, Akeem (now Ha-keem) Olajuwon, Michael Young and others willing to hammer the rims until they

ers willing to hammer the firms intil they hummed like luning forks. No one in France could warn young Olivier that most teams were not like that one.

"I saw that game and I said, 'College haskethall is what I need.' "he says.

He was 14 years old and growing suddenly, like a fast-motion movie, to his current size of 2 meters (6 feet 6 inchest and rent size of 2 meters (6 feet, 6 inches) and 90 kilograms (200 pounds). He is 18 and about to joio the second-best team in America over the last two years.

Nonetheless his mother, George Saint-Jean, still criticizes him, just as she did when she began teaching him the game five years ago. She and Olivier's father. Luc, immigrated to France from Guyana. They're divorced oow, and she works as an

She didn't learn to play basketball until her 20s, but she was a natural athlete and 1.8 meters tall. She played for a French champion club, and she coaches a women's team. Everything Olivier first learned about the game he loves came from being hadly whomped by his mother.

"We'd play one on one, and she used to kill me," he says. "I've never beaten her, because after a certain age we stopped playing. I was a lot smaller and skinnier.

George, Olivier and his brother Samuel. 13, a point guard, live in a modern apartment complex on the quiet right bank of Versailles, an otherwise touristy Parisian suburb. On the wall is a photograph of Olivier dunking almost horizontally.

For most of the last few years, however, Olivier has been attending school and playing for the junior club in the town of Evreux, west of Paris in Normandy. When he did come home. George was usually

Olivier Saint-Jean will make an interesting addition to Michigan. The Wolverines have lost forward Chris Webber, who became the No. 1 NBA draft pick, and four seniors, so he will have a chance to play.

complaining about his defense. He didn't take it persocally, especially after watching George boller at her own players. She never liked their defense, either.

"You see that guy all in red?" Olivier asked his mother one night, pointing at an American televisioo picture. "You're just like him. You're Bobby Knight."

Of course, they always discussed basketball in French, which made her critiques far more palatable than anything out of Bobby Knight's mouth. It also reminded Olivier that if he ever wanted to be a college basketball star in America, he was not only going to have to play defense well

and she could just dominate me physically.

She scored most of her points inside on going to have to learn English.

Years of hard study earned him a pass-

ing score of 800 last November in the Finally I said to somebody, 'Man, who is Scholastic Aptitude Test, which is quite a this guy?' He told me it was Jamal Mashfeat when you consider how many Ameri- burn can players can't do as well with their first language. You should bear Olivier in his accent talking about his French "homies." That's short for "homeboys." for you non-

onship qualifying tournament in Germany when a scout invited him to America, to play in the famous ABCD camp for high school basketball stars. This was exactly

His club sent him, all expenses paid, on the 11½-hour flight to California. Late that night, a man was waiting to pick him up at the US Air terminal. Olivier arrived on Air

must be the biggest airport in the world," what happened.

When he arrived at the camp three hours later, the counselors wondered where he'd been — they'd been calling all over the world looking for him. But this is supposed to be how he ended up at Michigan.

He slept for a little while, and the next

morning he met the other 20 foreign invitees at a small gym, where they practiced while the Americans attended a special class. He was playing well among the for-eigners when a coach called him over to a pickup game with some Americans.

had no husiness trying to play in the Unit-ed States. These Americans were murdered States. These Americans were marking year.
ing him — knocking him down, working year.
"So I called the assistant coach at North
"So I called the assistant coach at North had oever been so tough.

Then I had to guard this one guy, and

man, he was really killing me," Olivier says.
"He could do everything he wanted to me.
I had this pain all up and down my legs."

Mashburn was to become the No. 4 pick in the NBA draft this year. He, Acie Earl of lows and Adonis Jordan of Kansas, all future NBA players, were at the camp to counsel this next wave of college stars.

Last year, he was playing with the "I didn't recognize them because, you French junior team in a European Champiknow, I hadn't seen them on TV," Olivier

After trying to guard Mashburn in the morning, he found it easier to dunk on someone his own age in the afternoon. He hadn't been home very long when the Fed-eral Express packages began arriving from the American colleges. The same woman

ght, a man was waiting to pick him up at delivered them almost every day.

e US Air terminal. Olivier arrived on Air ance.

"Los Angeles International Airport Iona and North Carolina came to recruit" him. Dale Brown came from Louisiana he says. Someooc told him that for \$50 a State University to see him. Coach Gene van driver would be willing to shuttle him Keady flew over to tell him that he should all around Los Angeles. That is exactly attend prep school before coming to Pur-

due.

"I told him, 'I'm sorry you wasted the trip, but I'm oot going to prep school,'" Olivier says. "He became very angry."

It's getting closer now to the point where he was drawn to Michigan.

Olivier made official recruiting visits to

Iona, Louisiana State, Providence and North Carolina. You may have noticed that he did not visit Michigan. This is because he was in love with the eventual national champion. North Carolina. He of course! How he wound up at Michigan was all ready to accept North Carolina's Olivier was deciding between Iona and It wasn't long before Olivier decided be last scholarship when a friend called to say that it had been taken by Rasheed Wallace, the American high school player of the

coming," he says. "He said they didn't think Rasheed Wallace would come to North Carolina. I said, 'All right, it's sad, but I'll survive."

Olivier will make an interesting addition to Michigan. From last year's team the Wolverines have lost forward Chris Webber, who became the No. I pick in the NBA. draft, and four seniors, so he will have a chance to play. Though he has never lifted weights, his head is almost shaved, and he has a Michigan blue baseball cap and a blue swearshirt.

But there will be adjustments. Olivier has watched the American movies and music videos, as most European teenagers have, but now he is actually stepping inside the sanc-tum sanctorum of inner-city basketball.

He loves the players, even if he doesn't understand half of what they're talking about, "Maybe I don't speak English." Olivier told the famous guard, Jalen Rose,

Olivier told the famous guard, Jalen Rose, "but you don't speak English."

"The difference is, they have serious problems in America," Olivier says. "The kids have problems, they need help. Where can they find help? From sports — the way out of the ghetto, that's what they say.

"But in Fernoe was don't have a come."

"But in France, we don't have a care about that. Look around my neighborhood. I am peaceful here. I don't have to say I'm fighting to get out. When I see American guys trying to do like Michael Jordan or Magic Johnson, they're doing it first because they want to have a role model that have to contain a second that they have a role model. model, they have to get out of their prob-lems. In France, that is not the case. I never had serious problems in my life."

There was one more thing to mention . . Olivier was deciding between Iona and LSU when he received a call from Ann Arbor, Michigan, He flew there in April for

a visit, and he liked everyone so much that he had signed his letter of intent before the "So I called the assistant coach at North weekend was done. Really, it was that Carolina to find out why they didn't tell simple. Probably should have said so in the me, when they made me believe I was first place.

Michael Stich thrashed Mikael Pernfors in Los Angeles.

Pernfors Is Halted

Two days after winning the Canadian Open with a string of upsets, Mikael Pernfors of Sweden finally fared as expected -

Second-seeded Michael Stich of Germany needed just 67 minutes to eliminate the un-seeded Pernfors 6-2, 6-4, Tues-day in a first-round match at the \$300,000 Volvo Tennis-Los Angeles men's tournament. Stich, ranked sixth in the

world, had 11 aces. "I knew that after the big win he would have a lot of self-confidence, but he was not as aggressive from the baseline as I

thought he would be," Stich said of Pernfors, who won the Volvo

tournament five years ago.
Pernfors, who beat Jim Courier, Alexander Volkov and Petr Korda en route to winning the Canadian Open, said: "He nev-er really let me into the match."

• One week after pronounc-ing herself physically fit again, Steffi Graf is dealing with yet another nagging silment. Com-plaining of a headache and diz-ziness, Graf withdrew from her doubles match Tuesday night after beating Karine Quentres, 6-3, 6-2, in the Mazda Tennis Classic at La Costa Resort & Spa in Carlsbad, California.

Dudley Contract Draws NBA Fire

By Harvey Araton

New York Times Service NEW YORK — Declaring himself "a perfect fit" for the lineup of the Portland Trail Blazers, free-agent center Chris Dudley officially became an ex-New Jersey Net by signing a controversial seven-year contract worth approximately \$11

Unfortunately for Dudley, he cannot yet be officially called Portland's property. Before the Blazers announced the deal at Tuesday, the National Basketball Association said it would challenge the contract on the ground that it was a deliberate circumvention of the league's

salary cap. At issue is Dudley's first-year compensation, and an option after next season to free himself from the remaining six years.

The league contends that the deal has been set up to allow the Blazers to squeeze Dudley, 28, into their salary cap at their only available slot, \$800,000, while putting them in position to pay him whatever they wish once he exercises his out next season. A team may pay its own free agent whatever it wishes,

co matter how far over the cap

it is.
"Clearly, if someone signs for considerably less than his mar-ket value, we think it's a clear case of circumvention," said Russell Granik, the NBA's dep-

uty commissioner. Granik said that recent contracts given by the Chicago Bulls to Toni Kukoc and by the Atlanta Hawks to Craig Ehlo were structured similarly, and

evident to me that he really didn't want to come back to New Jersey," said Reed.

Consultant Reportedly Warned on Lewis

are also being contested. Geoff Petrie, the Blazers'

New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES - Former UCLA basketball

coach Gene Bartow believed his life might have been in danger had the NCAA delved too deeply into the

activities of the late Sam Gilbert, once a prominent Bruin booster, according to a published report. Bartow, who succeeded John Wooden in 1975, ac-

knowledged what he believed to be a life-threatening situation in a letter to an NCAA official, the Los

Angeles Times reported Wednesday.

Gilbert, a Los Angeles contractor who died in 1987,

reportedly had a long history of providing improper gifts to UCLA basketball players, particularly the

"I want to say 'thank you' for possibly saving my life," Bartow, currently the basketball coach and ath-

ing baskets, three months after be

Sanctis, was part of two medical said the report also showed there

By Lawrence K. Altman

BOSTON — The physician who told Reggie Lewis that he had a normal athlete's heart and a benign

edged that the team bad taken a chance, but that it was the only way it could get Dudley to sign. Whatever the outcome, it's

unlikely to affect the hard-luck Nets, who lost another important player from a nucleus that appeared last year at this time to be one of the stronger in the league. Willis Reed, the team's executive vice president disputed the claim of Dudley's agent, Dan Fegan, who said the Nets did not have a seven-year, 521 million offer, with 6 years guaranteed, on the table the last two weeks.

"I think last week it became

fainting condition was warned by one of his own consultants that be had gone too far in ruling out a lifethreatening condition, a person knowledgeable about the case said. Lewis died last week while shoot-

collapsed during a playoff game against Charlotte on April 29. The physician who issued the private warning, Roman W. De-

teams that consulted on the Lewis case at two hospitals in Boston in the days following his collapse.

One team of doctors, at New England Baptist Hospital, told the Bos-ton Celtics captain that they believed he had a career-ending, lifethreatening heart condition known as focal cardiomyopathy. It dam-

A second opinion, from a team at Brigham and Women's Hospital, a Harvard teaching hospital, beaded by Dr. Gilbert H. Mudge, told Lewis he had a normal athlete's heart and a benign fainting condi-

Ex-UCLA Coach Feared for His Life

letic director at the University of Alabama at Birming- Bartow, who has said he did oot fear Gilbert.

the report said.

syncope or vasovagal fainting.

[A published report Wednesday said that the Massachusetts medical examiner's office was confident that Lewis died of a heart problem brought on by myocarditis, an in-flammation of the walls of the heart, news agencies reported.

[The Boston Globe said it had ages a portion of the cardiac muscle. learned that the autopsy report, expected to be released after being disclosed to the Lewis family, indi-cated Lewis died of the same condition that killed Hank Gathers, the Loyola Marymount basketball star, three years ago. The Globe

ham, wrote in a Nov. 1, 1991, letter to David Berst,

NCAA assistant executive director for enforcement

Bartow's feelings toward Gilbert were part of a five-page letter in which Bartow called on the NCAA's top

enforcement official to investigate the basketball pro-

gram at Alabama, UAB's chief recruiting rival, the newspaper said.

capable of burting people," Bartow wrote. "I think, had the NCAA come in hard while I was at UCLA.

Gilbert and others associated with the program would have felt I had reported them, and I would have been

The letter contradicts public statements made by

"I believe Sam Gilbert was Mafia-related and was

were no illegal drugs in Lewis's system at the time of his collapse.] DeSanctis, a cardiologist at Mas-sachusetts General Hospital in Bos-

ton, was part of both teams and said that he had been asked by Mudge to review the data. According to the informant, DeSanctis told Modge privately that while he agreed that Lewis suffered from a benign faint-ing condition, he also felt that Mudge had not fully proven that the

life-threatening ventricular arrhythmias." Cardiomyopathy can

rhythms. DeSanctis had a limited role in the New England Baptist Hospital consultation because he was ill at the time. Instead, the team doctor, Arnold Scheller, told him over the telephone that a group of 12 experts had concluded that Lewis had a potentially serious heart condition.

The diagnosis "seemed quite reasonable," DeSanctia said May 13. At the same time, DeSanctis said that he concurred with Mudge's conclusion that "Reggie's cardiovascular condition seemed less serious than was originally thought play again.

SIDELINES

Ukraine 3,000-Meter Star Suspended

Lewis suffered from a benign fainting condition, he also felt that Mudge had not fully proven that the condition caused the collapse.

Mudge said at a news conference on May 10 that he concluded from his tests and examination that there would stop woman middle distance runner, tested positive after an IAAF his tests and examination that there was no evidence that Lewis This an automatic distance would be the formational federation. was no evidence that Lewis: has an amomatic suspension pending a hearing with her national federation any form of cardiomyopathy or Sources indicated the banned substance was a steroid.

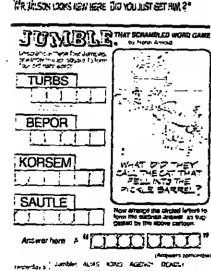
lead to life-threatening heart Springboks Storm Australian Team

CANBERRA (AP) — The South African rugby union team stormed to a 57-10 victory over the Australian Capital Territory in a spiteful match Wednesday, and the ACT coach described the Springboks as "cowardly." John Keisey, who announced his retirement after the game, said the South Africans had resorted to "cheap shots" during a second half marred by brawling among the players. The second-string Springbok team led 11-3 at halftime before going on a 46-point second-half scoring spree.

For the Record Gianluigi Lengini's condition was improving from injuries suffered in a car accident, but doctors could not predict when the soccer star might play again. The AC Milan forward, who had a concussion and bruises, was transferred from a Turin hospital to one in Milan.

and that he was "personally cautiously optimistic that Reggie will cancellation of the Winter Pan American Games, scheduled for Aug. 31-Sept. 11 in the Andean slopes near Santiago, organizers said.





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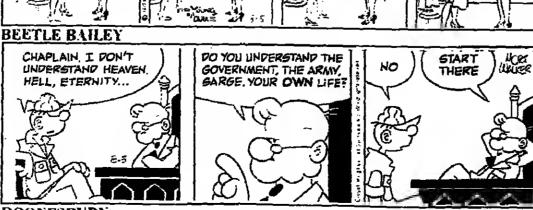
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stars of the Wooden era.









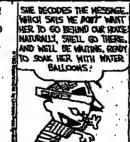






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SPORTS ATELL

Blue Jays Walk Away From the and market Yankees

By Jack Curry New York Times Ser

Whenever Buck Showalter is asked about toppling the Blue Jays, his answer is sample. You cannot make mistakes or give them extra chances. They are too talented. Give them something extra, any-Give them something extra, anything extra, and they will probably exploit you. Like they did against the Yankees.

It was a game the Jays did not deserve to win. It was a game the Yankees had to win. The Jays

AL ROUNDUP

smoothly rebounded from deficits of 3-0 and 4-2, gladly accepted mne walks to jump start their already imposing offense, and emerged with an 8-6 victory at Yankee Sta-

-With a linear that only grew fiercer when Rickey Henderson became its leadoff batter, handing out walks like free popcorn was not a sensible strategy for the Yankees. Of Toronto's eight runs, four scored after walks. Give the Jays. something extra, anything extra. : tor's two-run single and Tony and they will exploit you. Fernander's bloop run-scoring sin-Showalter said it; on Tuesday night he witnessed it.

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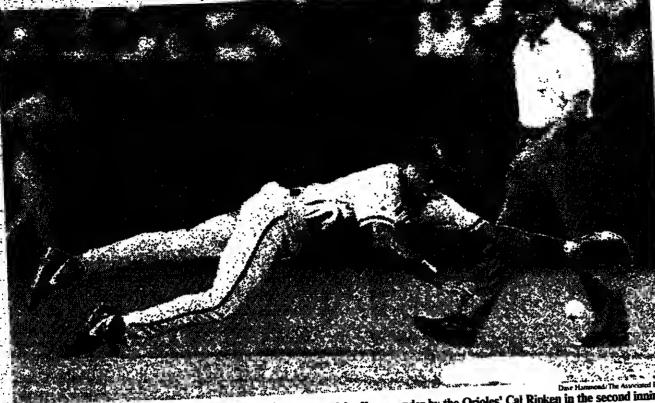
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The Jays relied on five hits and two walks against three relievers to snap a 4-4 tie and seal the victory with four devastating runs in the eighth. The No. 9 batter, Pat Borders, began the inning by doubling in the right-field corner and was then replaced by pinch-runner Wil-

be Canate. Henderson, still tormenting the Yankees even after changing uniforms, slapped a single to center field that probably would have scored Canate but he was held up at third. That move only delayed the inevitable. Devon White chopped a single over the drawn-in infield to make it 5-4.

It only grew uglier for the Yan-



The stretch was there, but the Brewers' Juan Bell couldn't quite pick off a grounder by the Orioles' Cal Ripken in the second inning.

fights erupting in the stands. Mean-while, the Jays methodically inflat-ed their lead to 8-4 on Paul Moligle off Steve Farr.

Showalter has preached about how this four-game series will not decide the pennant, but there had to be a sinking feeling after the Yankees used a season-high seven pitchers and were humbled. Their ninth-iming comeback produced two runs and an exciting moment when Danny Tartabull's double off the fence missed being a game-ty-ing homer by about six feet. Instead, it was a run-scoring double and the Yankees lost by two runs. Pat Hentgen was the winner.

In other games. The Associated Press reported:

Indians 9, Tigers 4: In Cleveland, Kenny Losion was unstoppable in a rain-shortened game, reaching

exits and others had to endure triple and a forceout —and scoring hind Toronta in the AL East and remained in a virtual tie with New Wayne Kirby homered and tri-

pled for three runs batted in, and Albie Lopez gave up three runs and three hits in six-plus innings for the Indians. The loss dropped Detroit under 500 for the first time since it was 3-4 in April. The Tigers were games. 18 games over .500 on June 20, but

have since gone 10-29.

Orioles 13, Brewers 8: The first four Baltimore batters in the sixth walked and scored as the Orioles rallied from a 4-0 deficit by scoring eight straight runs against visiting ilwankee. David Segui tied a club record by

scoring four runs and Baltimore broke a 5-all tie in the sixth with four runs on two hits. The Orioles have won three of four since a fourgame losing streak.

Twins 6, Red Sox 1: In Minneapolis, Willie Banks battled ont of a three-run homer for Minnesota. Charlie Leibrandt suffered his second save.

base four times - two walks, a Boston dropped to three games be-

Banks left runners in scoring position in five consecutive innings from the second through the sixth to win his third-straight start. Boston's loss was its fourth in 18

White Sox 11, Rangers 6: Frank Thomas hit a three-run homer to highlight a seven-run second inning in Arlington, Texas, and Chicago had 18 hits as the West-leading White Sox won for the seventh time in eight games.

Chicago beat the Rangers for the sixth time in eight meetings this season, Third-place Texas dropped 612 games back.

Kirk McCaskill, who took a 6.78 ERA into the game, shut the Rangers down oo three hits over the first five innings before Texas broke through with a four-run sixth.

fourth consecurive defeat in his shortest outing of the season, 11/3

Angels 3, Royals 2: In Anaheim, California, pinch-hitter Greg Myers hit a two-run homer in the eighth off newly acquired Stan Belinda to power the Angels.

Belinda, who was traded from Pittsburgh on Saturday, failed to protect a 2-1 lead for starter Hipoim Pichardo. Belinda allowed a leadoff double to Ty Van Burkleo, his first major league hit. Myers, batting for Ron Tingley, drove a 2-2 pitch for his sixth homer.

Mariners 5, Athletics 4: Dave Valle's one-out single in the ninth in Oakland, California, drove in pinch-runner Erik Hanson with the vinning run as Seattle broke a three-game losing streak. Randy Johnson ended his own

three-game losing streak by striking out 12 in eight innings. Ted Power pitched in the ninth for his 1:57.97.

Mets' Coleman Goes on Leave

NL ROUNDUP

Moises Alou punched a single to

Further disaster was averted,

two-run homer in the ninth off Rob

Dibble in put the Rockies ahead,

but their bullpen couldn't bold on. Jack Daugherty had a pinch double

off Darren Holmes with one out in

the bottom of the ninth, and Hal

tic it 4-4 with two out.

home Alou, and then adv.

high .400s.

Press reported:



Chris Wilkins/Agonce Pomce-Pres The Pirates' Kevin Young and the fans all missed a Cubs' foul ball.

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SCOREBOARD

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BASEBALL

Major League Standings

By Gerald Eskenazi New York Times Service Vince Coleman, described as

Dallas Green, aras granted a re-request to leave the club indefinitely after harwas charged with a felony by the Los Angeles district attorney earlier in the day.

"He left, I told him to," said

Green after the Mets bowed to the Expos, 3-1, Tuesday night in Mon-Before the game, Coleman was

charged in connection with a explosive-tossing incident in Los Angeles on July 24 that resulted in sever-"He fully expected to play tonight," said Green. "He was quite

distraught." Instead, Coleman left before the game. Green could not say bow long Coleman would be out. He is scheduled to appear in court in Los Angeles on Monday or Tuesday. and is not expected to contest the charge of possession of an explo-

Gerry Hunsicker, the club's assive device. sistant vice president of baseball

Giants rallied for their 72d victory operations, said after the game he was surprised that Coleman had of the season, matching last year's asked to leave the club. He will be total. paid in his absence, said Hunsicker. Frank Tanana, the Meis' starting

pitcher, got the opening two batters in the first, and then got the jitters. Marquis Grissom singled off the glove of a leaping Murray at first, and Tanana tossed a wild pitch that the Giants overcame a 7-5 deficit. sent Grissom to second. He was doubled home by Larry Walker.

Marlins 1, Cardinals 0: Charlie Hough allowed six hits over eight innings in St. Louis and Bryan Harleft and the Expos led by 2-0, and vey finished the game for his 32d then 3-0 when Sean Berry doubled third on Ryan Thompson's fumble.

Benim Santiago's ninth homer of the season in the second inning was though, when Tanana struck out Derrick White.

Bobby Bonilla hit his 23d bomer a one-hop smash. Preliminary Xleading off the fourth. It kept his current road trip average in the

In other games, The Associated lia homered for the fourth time in won their fourth straight.

Reds 5, Rockies 4: Colorado's franebise-record losing streak reached nine games as the visiting Rockies blew a ninth-inning lead and lost in Cincinnati on Joe Olihits in seven innings. ver's sacrifice fly in the 10th inning. Dante Bichette hit a two-out.

12th homer in the eighth off Mike

Morris singled off Gary Wayne to since joining the Astros in 1989 and his overall record with Houston is Curtis Leskanie helped the Reds by walking Jacob Brumfield on four pitches in open the 10th. After Chris Sabo's sacrifice, Reggie Sanders was walked intentionally and Leskanic threw a wild pitch,

had a two-run homer. Pirates 7, Cubs 3: In Chicago, the Pirates snapped a three-game losing streak and Zane Smith won

Clark had a three-run homer and two-run triple, but it was Robby Thompson's infield double in the seventh that turned out to be the key hit. With two outs, Thompson popped up, but the ball fell between pitcher Trevor Hoffman and catcher Brad Ausmus, the first of five straight San Francisco hits as

the game's only run. Donovan Osborne left the game in the sixth when he was hit on his left knee by rays were negative.

Phillies 5, Braves 3: Pete Incavigthree games as the visiting Phillies

Incaviglia hit his 17th bomer of the season in the second off Steve Avery, and Terry Mulholland made it stand up by scattering eight The Braves got within 4-3 in the seventh, but Dave Hollins hit his

Astros 6, Dodgers 1: Mark Portugal won his fourth straight in the Astrodome, making him 7-1 there for this season. He is 27-9 at home

He and Xavier Hernandez combined on a five-hitter. Luis Gonzalez tied a Houston club record with three doubles and Eddie Taubensee

for the first time since July 11,

Aug. 14 in Stuttgart, and it left Lewis winless in finals this season. A jubilant Burrell said, "After I didn't make the U.S. team (for

ZURICH - Former world record holder Leroy Burrell turned a 100-meter dash showdown between Carl Lewis and Olympic champion Linford Christie into his own show-Stuttgart). I had to make this the best race of the year." It was the most powerful field assembled this season and there case Wednesday, triumphing in

were massive rewards on offer 10.02 seconds.

Burrell, who missed selection in again. Christie was believed to be earning another £60,000 (\$90,000) the 100 meters for this month's Stuttgart world championships. for his 10 seconds' work, with big outpaced Britain's Christie by onebonuses, including a gold ingot, for a world record performance. The high-profile clash was welhundredth of a second in the race at the Weltklasse Grand Prix meet. Jon Drummond, who also come to race fans. Most of sprinting's big names had avoided meet-

was third in 10.05, with Lewis, who has held the world mark of 9.86 ing each other in the run-up to the world championships this month since 1991, fourth in 10.07. Ameriand the cat-and-mouse game had can champion Andre Cason came looked set in continue all the way in a disappointing fifth at 10.11. ın Stuttgart Lewis, beaten hy Christic at Gatesbead England, last Friday in their first clash since the 1991 (AP, Reuters, AFP) ■ U.S. Team Is Announced world championships, paid tribute to Burrell, his Santa Monica Club Defending champions Lewis, Mike Powell, Kenny Harrison and

teammate. "Leroy ran a great race," he said. "But I feel I ran a lot better than I

missed out on the American team,

did the other night." Christic beat Lewis last week in

10.08. Lewis ran that race in 10.22.

and Field Championships at Stutt-gart, The Associated Press reported

from Indianapolis.
Lewis will defend his world 100the world championships starting meter title which he won in Tokyo (women's 200).

Dan O'Brien will head the U.S. team for the World Outdoor Track

Burrell Steals the Show in 1991. He also will compete in the 200 meters, and is a member of the 400-meter relay team, although he has said he will skip that event.

Powell, the world record-holder in the long jump, will be the overwhelming favorite to win his sec-ond straight world title.

Harrison, the world champion in the triple jump, should have a diffi-cult time defending his title.

O'Brien, the world record-holder in the decathlon, will be seeking his second consecutive world title while trying to make amends for his disappointment in not making the Olympic team last year. Meanwhile, Michael Johnson.

the 1991 world champion in the 200, will run the 400 this time; Jackie Joyner-Kersee, winner of the women's long jump two years ago, will compete in the heptathlon, in which she won the Olympic gold last year, and Antonio Petti-grew, the 400 winner in 1991, will be a 1,600-meter relay alternate.

Other 1992 Olympic individual gold medalists on the team include Mike Marsh (200). Quincy Watts (400), Kevin Young (400 hurdles). Mike Stulce (sbot put). Gail Devers (women's 100) and Gwen Torrence

German Swims to a 3d Gold

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SHEFFIELD, England -Franziska van Almsick collected her third gold medal of the European swimming championships with a runaway win in the 200 meters freestyle on Wednesday.

Van Almsick, who took golds in Tuesday's 100 meters freestyle and 4x200 freestyle relay, won by nearly two seconds with nobody ever threatening her victory.

The 15-year-old German was a body length ahead at 100 meters, turning in 57.05 seconds and well over a second inside world record pace. But she could oot maintain that speed and finished nearly half a second behind the world mark of Heike Friedrich in

Luminita Dobrescu of Romania, bronze medalist in 1987 and 1991, took the silver in 2:00.39, and Karen Piekering of Britain won the bronze in 2:01.15. Olympie silver medalist Ra-

fael Szukala recaptured the men's European 100 meters butterfly title he first won four years ago. The 22-year-old Pole, victor in the 1989 European championships in Bonn, edged out Denis Pankratov of Russia by just two hundredths of a second in a thrilling finish.

Both were well down the order at the turn but powered past their rivals on the second length, with Szukala snatching the gold in a championship record 53,41 seconds. Pankratov took the silver in 53.43, and Milos Milosevic of Croatia, European junior champinn in 1988, got the bronze

An absence from the women's 200 meters breaststroke final was title-bolder Elena Rudkovskaya of Belarus, who withdrew from the heats in concentrate on the 100 meter event.

Brigitte Becue of Belgium, silver medalist in 1989, inherited

the title, finishing strongly to win in 2:31.18. Anna Nikiuna of Russia was second in 2:32.15. and Marie Hardman secured Britain's second swimming bronze of the day in 2:32.48.

Tamas Darnyi, world and Olympic champion, won a tre-mendous battle with Jani Sievinen of Finland to claim bis fourth European 400 meters individual medley title.

The 26-year-old Hungarian just held off Sievinen's challenge on the last length of the concluding freestyle leg to win by just 0.27 of a second in 4:15.24. Olympic champion Evgenyi

Sadovyi anchored Russia to victory in the men's 4x200 meters freestyle relay. In other action. Dmitri Sautin of Russia edged Briton Rnbert Morgan to win the men's 10-

meter platform diving title by 0.03 point. (Reuters, UPI, AP)

How Low Will the Mets Sink?

By George Vecsey

New York Times Service NEW YORK — There are sports fans who deserve a good swift ejection from the ballpark. I am thinking of the demoralizingly high number of louts who booed the Canadian anthem in Yankee Stadium on Monday

But I have never seen a fan who deserved to take incoming fire from a ballplayer. Those fans who stood behind a fence at Dodger Stadium two Saturdays ago surely did not deserve in have Vince Coleman beave an explosive device likened to a "quarter stick of

Three of those fans, including a girl, 2, have claimed dynamite" toward injuries from the explosive, which was thrown from a car. They will now have a chance to see Coleman

squirm in court. He was indicted Tuesday in Los Angeles on a felony count. Coleman's lawyer said Tuesday that the player would not contest the charge, which seems in be a wise

move. Coleman has admitted he threw a firecracker and he sort of said he was sorry. "Inappropriate," he called his behavior.

Five days later, that is. It took him and the Mets that long to decide he should say something.
Since Coleman may not stand trial, the Mets seem

to be saddled with him until sentencing. Dallas Green, the swaggering farmer who was brought in allegedly in whip the players inm line, has benched Coleman, but Green seems in be blaming the news media for the poor fellow's anxiety. It has sunk this low with the The Mets did not have enough sense in eat Cole-

man's \$3 million contract last year when he was merely squabbling with Manager Jeff Torborg and Coach Mike Cubbage. Now it is stuck with a player who does not know it is wrong in heave a firecracker near people outside a ballpark.

It is easy in see where players come in have a certain distance from the entire breed of fans. It wasn't hard for visiting Toronto players in feel contempt for the bundreds, if not thousands, of goons who chanted "U-S-A" and then booed "O Canada" before Monday's game. Afterward, the Blue Jays marveled at the variety of fights breaking out in the stands.

The money isolates the players from the fans. The

players arrive in team buses with tinted glass, or they drive their expensive mys in home games. Danny Tartabull wears a new outfit in every home game. Then the players sit in the dugout and watch the fans

yelp and brawl. The players tilt their heads in a mocking angle. But only Coleman throws a One ugly sideshow was that Eric Davis of the firecracker.

Dodgers, the driver of the car in which Coleman was a passenger, said throwing firecrackers was funny.

It is past funny now. Coleman is facing a felony charge and civil suits. This is going to cost him money. Maybe that's why they pay players so much. For

Are we being hard on Coleman? The fans in Shea lawvers. Stadium read the papers. They listen to the radio. They know about the ugly spats on the field with Torborg and Cubbage. They also know how Coleman once was asked what contribution Jackie Robinson had made to baseball, and Coleman muttered, "Don't know no Jackie Robinson, man." And maybe he

didn't. Or still doesn't. I know this: Jackie Robinson never tossed a fire-

The money makes it easier for the fans to hoot at an cracker toward fans. underachiever like Coleman. They have the right in expect a great deal from \$3 million players. There may be a lot of jerks out in the stands, but many of them are knowledgeable jerks. They know who makes what.

They know who hustles. The Toronto fans will love Rickey Henderson for the next two months. Give Rickey this, He may mope when he isn't happy with the money he is making. He may come up with injuries undetectable to medical science. But Henderson is also capable of being happy. of playing superb baseball for months and years at a

Rickey will give Toronto its money's worth for these two months. Then he will get a new contract and put out for a year or more. Give him that.

Coleman came to the Mets and be never got into it. He followed the lethargie footsteps of Kevin McReynolds. The fans could see that. They beed. That's part of the game. Booing the anthem is not part of any game. Boo

Coleman for being a dog. Boo Rickey Henderson for being a hot dog or a mercenary. But don't boo "O I look forward to a real World Series with Japan. Canada."

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The McGinniss Genesis

WASHINGTON — Most writers have to be grateful to Joe McGinniss, author of "The Last Brother," the story of Edward Kennedy. McGinniss has declared that it is perfectly O. K. to lift other historians' work without due credit. He has also written that it is

right when writing nonfiction to put words in somebody else's mouth. In his Kennedy hiography, without footnotes or an index. McGinniss has declared it is up to the author to make the

person come to life by inventing

things that did not necessarily hap-McGinniss has created a whole new hall game for biographical

writers like myself. Actually, it couldn't have come at a better time. I have been working on the life of Adam - as in Genesis - the first man. Although I have lifted heavily from the Bible. I am a storyteller and I don't have to credit Genesis in my book, or any other works from that fascinating period.

This is how my opening chapter

goes. First, the Lord made Adam out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the clay of life. Then he put him in the Garden of Eden. Adam thought to himself.

Condition of Fellini, 73, Is Called 'Very Serious'

Agence France-Presse ROME - Federico Fellini, 73,

was in "very serious" condition Wednesday, partially paralyzed in an Italian hospital 24 hours after suffering a stroke, his personal

physician said,
"Without wanting in be alarmist
or pessimistic, Federico Fellini is ill and in very serious condition," Gianfranco Turchetti said in Rimini, the fum director's hometown, where he was hospitalized Tuesday. He had been recuperating from a double heart hypass operation.

"This is a very nice place, but there is something missing." He wished he had a domineering father so he could ask the father what it was.

What Adam liked most about the garden was that he could eat from any tree but the Tree of Knowledge. He had been warned if he ate from that tree he would die.

Adam thought to himself, "If He is not going to let me eat from the Tree of Knowledge, then He should at least give me a woman."

The Lord read his mind, but him to sleep, took one of his ribs and made it into a woman called Eve. While Adam slept, he dreamed of the girl next door.

As soon as she was created from the rib, Eve looked around and said. "This is a beautiful garden. and I'm sure there is something in it we shouldn't eat."

Adam heard her and thought to himself, "I think I am in trouble. I wish I had a strong father to advise me how to handle a woman.

It didn't take long for Eve to find the Tree of Knowledge. By this time both Adam and Eve were naked and had made friends with a Adam was very confused about

his relationship with Eve. He longed for a rich father to talk it over with. Eve wasn't sure Adam was Mr. Right, and she said to the snake hanging over her head. "I wish I could eat from the Tree of Knowledge to figure out what makes him tick." The snake said. "Have an ap-

Is it forbidden fruit?"

The snake thought, "I'll lie to her." Then he told her, "No, this apple comes from Washington State,"

Eve took a bite and then gave it to Adam. The minute they bit in, the Lord heard about it and He said to no one in particular, "No more Mr. Nice Guy." Then he ban-ished Adam and Eve from the Gar-

where I got all these facts, I found them in books previously written on the subject. Where I was lacking a fact I did what any biographer from Simon & Schuster would - I

In Mexican Films, A Feminine Spirit

The entry of women

as film directors and

producers holds

unusual promise.

By William Grimes . Vew York Times Service

NEW YORK — In her 25 years as a film actress. Ofelia Medina has seen three Mexican "new waves," so the term makes her smile. But this third one, distinguished by the entry of women as film directors and producers, holds unusual

promise.

"If think the feminine spirit has come to change the macho spirit of the old Jurassic system," she said in an interview in her Manhattan hotel room. "We now have a generation of women directors and producers. They are the new wave." Medina, one of Mexico's best-known

film actresses, could have added her own name to the growing list, because she helped to produce as well as starred in the historical drama "Gertrudis." The film is part of the series "New Trends in Mexican Cinema" in

The series also in-cludes Dana Rotherg's "Angel of Fire," and several of the films were produced by Catalina Cepeda and Anna Roth.

The emergence of women in Mexican filmmaking is connected with a new policy of the Mexican government. In the last four years, the Mexican Film Institute, the national film board, has channeled money to younger directors, and, stepping away from its former role as a producer of films. has encouraged Mexican filmmakers to seek co-productions and has opened the way for independent producers to take a

"It's a much better system." said Medi-na. "We're learning to do things indepen-dently, and not as the government's chil-

The new system has encouraged smaller, more innovative films like "Danzon," directed by Maria Novaro, and Alfonso Arau's "Like Water for Chocolate." a surprise hit in the United States. But any picture that features Medina often referred to in Latin America simply as La Medina, is by definition large. On stage, in television and in film, she has cut a swath playing strong, independent women with iron and fire in the soul. The title character of "Gertrudis" is

Gertrudis Bocanegra Lazo de la Vega, a hero in Mexico's struggle for independence from Spain in the early 19th centu-

ry, and a champion of the rights of Mexi-co's Indians. In the film "Frida," which was released in the United States in 1989. Medina turned in a memorable performance as the painter Frida Kahlo, who overcame crippling injuries suffered in a bus accident and produced a haunting. intensely personal body of work.

"I have been fascinated with her since I was a little girl," Medina said of Kahlo.
"She was a woman who had no boundaries, who was during and not afraid to show her inside. Because of her pain, she was not into frivolities or superficial things."

Medina is not either. It was only after relentless pleading that she agreed to take her first movie part, for a film titled "Peace,"

which the Mexicon Olympics committee was making for the 1968 Summer Games in Mexico City. At the time, she was studying ballet at the National Institute of Fine Arts. "I thought actors were frivolous," she said.

"They don't work. Dancers, we work, we She joined an experimental theater com-

pany led by the director Alejandro Jodorpany led by the director Arejandro Jodor-owsky, who would soon make a splash with the film "El Topo." The group staged impromptu performances and happenings on the streets of Mexico City. Her film career took over. "Since that

time, thank the gods — and the goddesses — I've gotten only leading roles," she said. "In fact, recently I've been taking some smaller parts just to see what it feels like."

Medina has not quite gotten the hang of the American film industry and the ways of Hollywood, Some years back, her agent called in great excitement to offer her a part in one of the Rambo films. "I told him, no way," said Medina. The agent resigned on the spot, telling her that her decision meant that she did not want an American career, Medina laughed and shrugged her shoulders, "f told him, Well,

"You know," she added, "I think maybe these people in Hollywood are not used to dealing with people who have ideals."

Medina came out of Mexico's turbulent student movement of the late '60s. "Ever since, I have militated - no, wait. I hate that word, it sounds like military - I have

agitated," she said. She remains a staunch

fighter on behalf of Mexico's 10 million

Ofelia Medina sees a change in "the macho spirit of the old Jurassic system."

Indians, like Gertradis Bocanegra, who spoke the local Indian language as well as Spanish, and thus was instrumental in carrying the message of independence to

The actress was active in the campaign to change Article IV of the Mexican Constitution, which last year granted official status to the country's 56 Indian lan-guages, on an equal looting with Spanish. Ten years ago, Medina helped found the Committee for Solidarity with the Indians of Mexico, a kind of Legal Aid Society for

Indians accused of crimes.

"Now, by law, they have to have an interpreter, and know what they are being accused of," she said.

It was perhaps a meeting of similar temperaments when Medina flew to Ar-gentina this year to make a film with Vanessa Redgrave about the "dirty war" in Argentina during the 1970s. Coming film projects include a biography of Tina Modotti, a photographer, left-wing cru-sader and, while living in Mexico with Edward Weston in the 20s and 30s, a figure in the Mexican renaissance, She will also return to Frida Kahlo in The Two Fridas," in which she and Laura San Gia como will each play half of Kahlo's divid-

Medina continues to perform in the theater, with two one-woman shows that she takes to small towns in the hinterlands. In "Sor Juana: A Tormented Love," she presents the lyric poetry of Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz, the 17th-century scholar and nun, whom Medina calls "the greatest poet in the Spanish language." In "A Woman's Voice," Medina sings music by women and recites poetry by women, from Sor Juana to the present.

The idea that these projects might be

called feminist seems to surprise Medina. am not a feminist," she said, "I am simply a woman.

But a woman of a certain temperament and scale.

Helma Sanders-Brahms, the director of

"Germany Pale Mother," has written a film for Medina about the life of Else Lasker-Schuler, an avant-garde German poet, who, as a Jew, fled Germany in 1933 and died poverty stricken in Palestine in f945. The role appeals to Medina. "She is a fantastic woman," she said, "like a prophet."

PEOPLE

The Last Brother' **Becoming Sales Dud**

The Last Brother, a biography of Senator Edward M. Kennedy by Joe McGinuiss, which was rushed to bookstores by Simon & Schuster last week in a bid to head off the advance criticism piling thickly onto it is turning into a dud. Despite an encormous first printing of 265,000 copies, "The Last Brother" seems hardly to be selling at all. The book's a major disaster," said Judy Hayman, at Bookazine, one of the largest U. S. wholesale distribu-tors in New York. At Ingram Book Co., a wholesaler, Susie Russen herger, said the company had purchased 23,000 copies and has sold only about 1,500. However, NBC-TV is undaunted and is developing a miniseries based on the book.

When Donald Trump took his pregnant fiancee, Maria Maples, to his Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, where Tina Turner was performing the crowd gave the hesitant groom some advice: "Marry her! Marry her! The Donald admits to cold feet after his costly divorce from first wife, Ivana.

It was no ordinary matines at Andy Williams's place in Branson, Missouri. "I just came by to see if you'll still talking to me now that you've got your own theater," Bob Hope told Williams. The comedian and his wife. Dolores, appeared in 9 Branson USA Flood Relief telethon broadcast from the Wayne Newton Theatre

A frail but ever-smiling Queen Mother Elizabeth waved to chea-ing crowds on Wednesday as she made her traditional appearance at the gates of her London home on her 93d birthday.

Actor Wesley Snipes, 31, may have gotten his roles mixed up. Snipes, who plays a gun-toning Los Angeles policeman in the newly re-leased "Rising Sun," was arrested for carrying a gun, police said in Hollywood. They spotted the gun after coming to Singes's aid after his motorcycle overturned.

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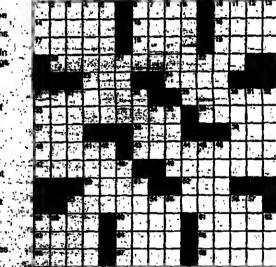
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